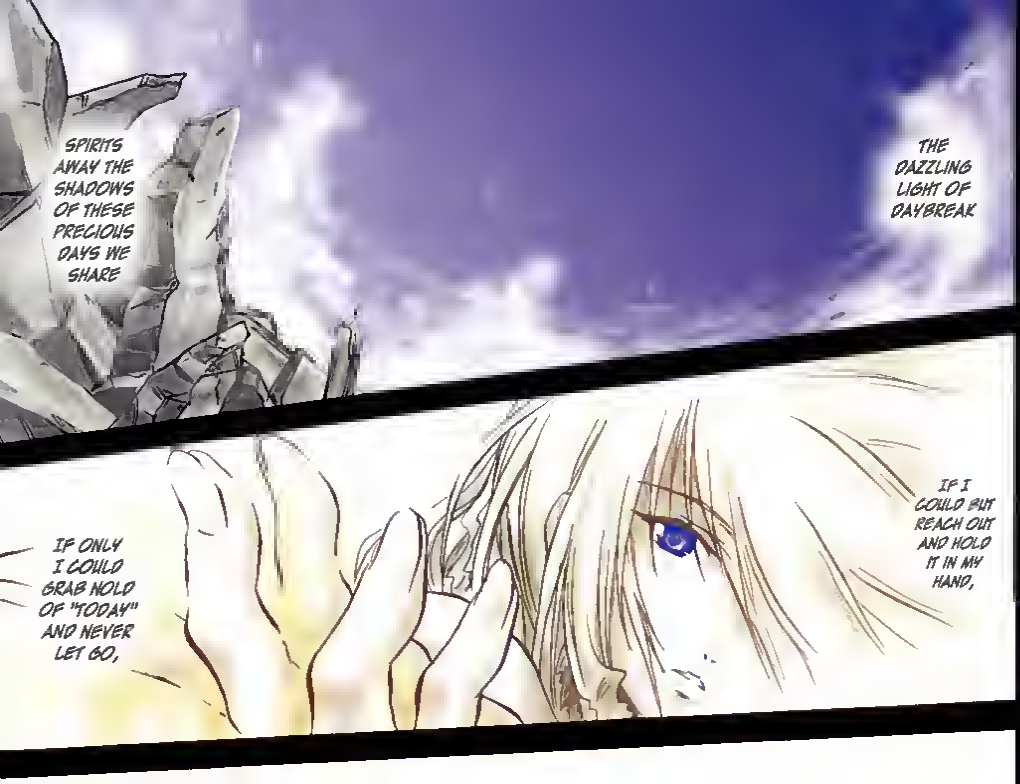
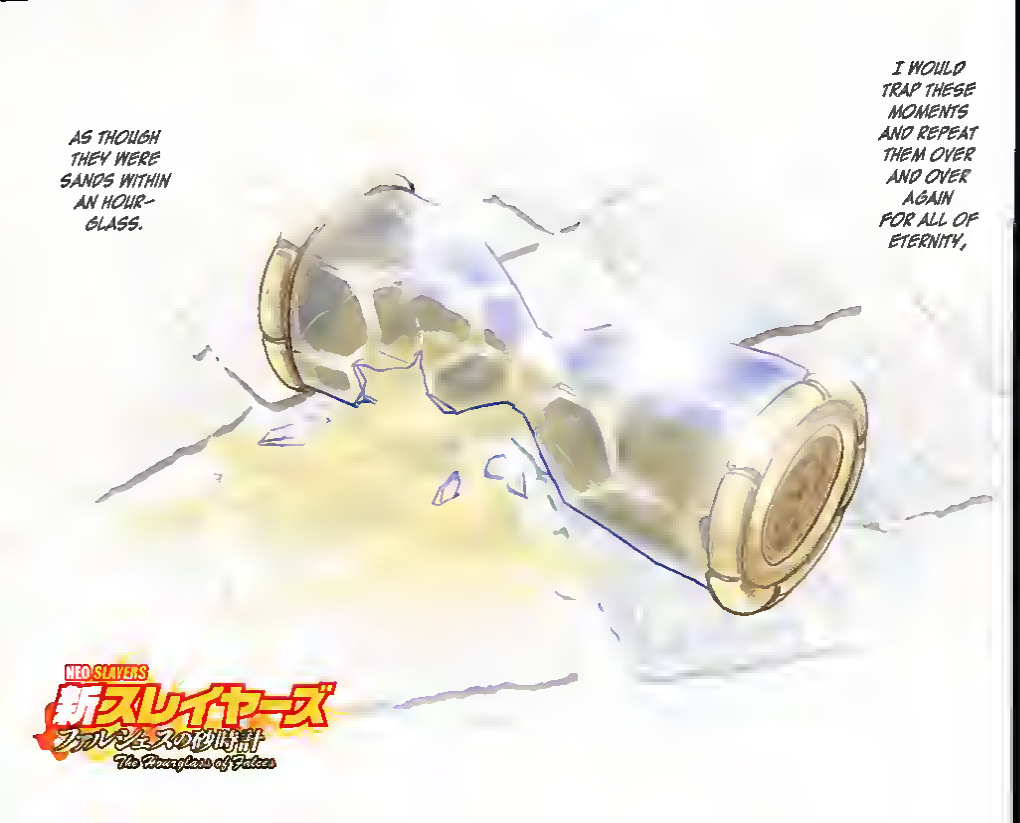

SPIRITS AWAY THE SHADOWS OF THESE PRECIOUS DAYS WE SHARE
THE DAZZLING LIGHT OF DAYBREAK
IF I COULD BUT REACH OUT AND HOLD IT IN MY HAND,
IF ONLY I COULD GRAB HOLD OF "TODAY" AND NEVER LET GO,


I WOULD TRAP THESE MOMENTS AND REPEAT THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN FOR ALL OF ETERNITY,
AS THOUGH THEY WERE SANDS WITHIN AN HOUR-GLASS.
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WE'RE PIRATES, UNDERSTAND! PILLAGING'S OUR WAY, SO YOU'D BEST NOT BE GETTIN' COLD FEET ONCE WE GET OUT THERE!
CLEAN THE SHIT OUT OF YOUR EARS AND LISTEN GOOD, YOU DOGS!
THERE'S NO SHAME IN STEALING BACK WHAT'S BEEN STOLEN FROM US!
THAT'S RIGHT! THIS LAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN OURS, AND NOBODY ELSE'S!
FALCES, THIS ISLAND STUCK OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS GREAT, BIG SEA-
BELONGS TO US!!

WE'RE HAVING A GRAND OL' TIME ON A TROPICAL ISLAND VACATION!
THIS REALLY IS PARADISE!
YAHOO!!
TODAY WE'VE DECIDED TO LEAVE OUR SWEAT-FILLED, MAZOKU AND MONSTER FIGHTING DAYS IN THE DUST WHILE WE KICK BACK IN THE SURF AND SUN!
HEY GUYS, LONG TIME NO SEE! INVINCIBLE, GORGEOUS, GENIUS SORCERESS LINA INVERSE HERE, AS I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW!

VACATION MY ASS, YOU FRIGGIN' IDIOT.
IF YOU'VE GOT TIME TO PLAY AROUND, THEN WHY DON'T YOU HELP ME GET OUR GEAR BACK, HUH!?
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT WE'RE STUCK ON THIS STUPID ISLAND, ANYWAY!?
DON'T YOU EVEN HAVE A LICK OF REMORSE FOR THE SHIT YOU'VE PUT US THROUGH!?
WE'VE BRILLIANTLY MANAGED TO GET OURSELVES SHIPWRECKED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!
THE TRUTH IS WE'RE REALLY ONLY HERE ON THIS ISLAND BECAUSE
ACTUALLY, I'D BE HAVING A LOT MORE FUN IF WE REALLY WERE ON VACATION

BUT I DON'T SEE WHY WE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO JUST LOOK AT THIS LIKE ANOTHER ONE OF OUR ADVENTURES AND NOT HAVE SOME FUN WITH...
FUN? YOU CALL THIS FUN!? EVERYTHING, AND I MEAN EVERYTHING, INCLUDING OUR ARMOR AND CAMPING GEAR, HAS BEEN TOTALLY SWEPT AWAY-
BUT LIKE I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU, WE REALLY WERE LOOKING FOR OUR STUFF!
TH-THAT WAS THEIR FAULT, NOT MINE! I MEAN, YOU CAN'T JUST GO AROUND TRAMPLING ALL OVER A PURE MAIDEN'S FEELINGS EXPECTING TO GET AWAY WITH IT!
ALL BECAUSE A CERTAIN MORON DECIDED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BLOW THE SHIP WE WERE HUNTING PIRATES ON TO FREAKIN' SMITHEREENS!
STOP SPOILING THIS BEAUTIFUL OCEAN SCENERY WITH YOUR BICKERING, YOU TWO!
SMASH!
SMASH!
PUNCH!
YEAH, RIGHT NO WAVES ON YOUR HORIZON, THAT'S FOR SURE.
B-BESIDES, ISN'T THIS A GOOD CHANCE TO DISH OUT SOME SWIMSUIT SEEEERVICE?
TWIRL

NEVER IN MY WILDEST DREAMS DID I IMAGINE I WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GREAT SLAYERS SERIES. SO THANKS TO THAT I'M UNDER ALL SORTS OF PRESSURE! I'VE BEEN WORKING MY ASS OFF RECENTLY TO MAKE SURE I DON'T GET CRUSHED UNDER THE LOAD.

NOW THAT THIS FULL VOLUME (TANKOBON) HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, THE THOUGHT THAT I WAS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH SUCH A GREAT PROJECT FILLS ME WITH JOY.

I WROTE THIS STORY WITH ONLY ONE EARNEST THOUGHT IN MIND: "I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE ORIGINAL NOVELS! I STILL WANT TO READ MORE!"

I'M HONESTLY STILL VERY WORRIED OVER WHETHER OR NOT SLAYERS FANS WILL APPROVE OF THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE SLAYERS WORLD, BUT IT'S MY HOPE THAT EVERYONE IS ABLE TO ENJOY IT REGARDLESS.

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FINDING THEMSELVES SHIP-WRECKED ON A TROPICAL ISLAND, LINA AND CO. PROTECT ITS TOWNSPEOPLE FROM A VICIOUS ATTACK BY PIRATES. BUT SOON THEY FIND THEMSELVES LURED INTO A TRAP SET BY THE POWERFUL MAGICAL FORCES AT WORK SEEKING TO HOPE THE ISLAND'S FIEF...? THE WORLD ONCE AGAIN RESTS IN THE HANDS OF THE PERSIANT LINA INVERSE... FOR BETTER OR WORSE!

THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE PARTY OF SIX'S SECOND NEW ADVENTURE!

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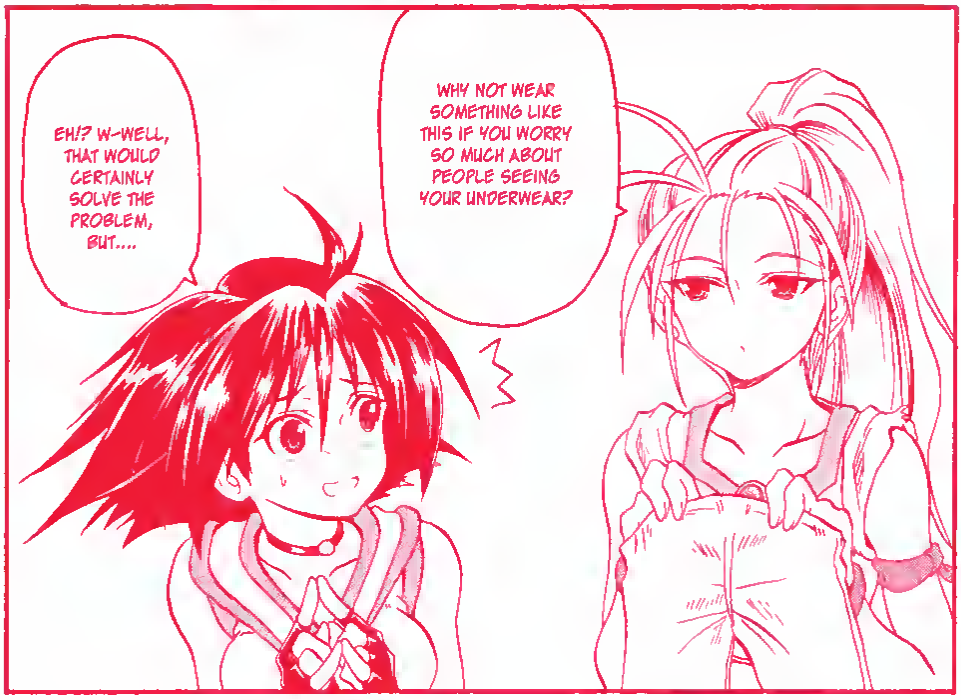
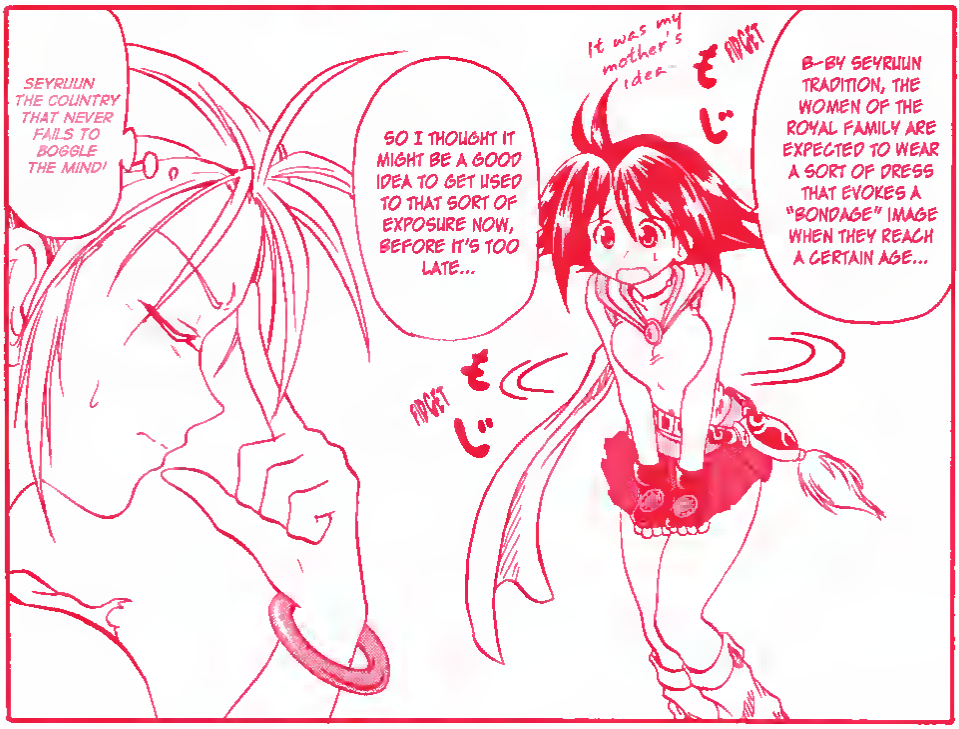
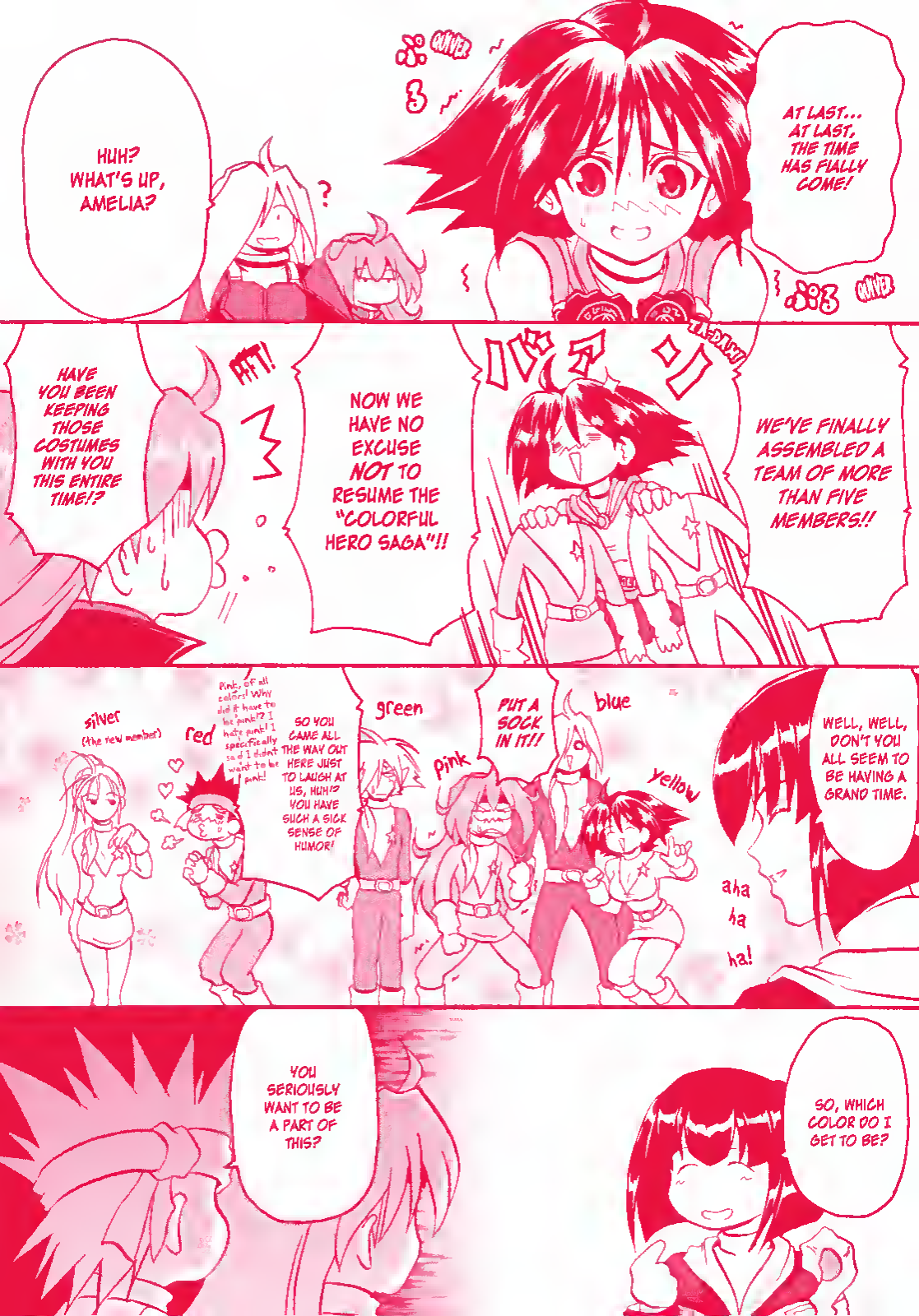




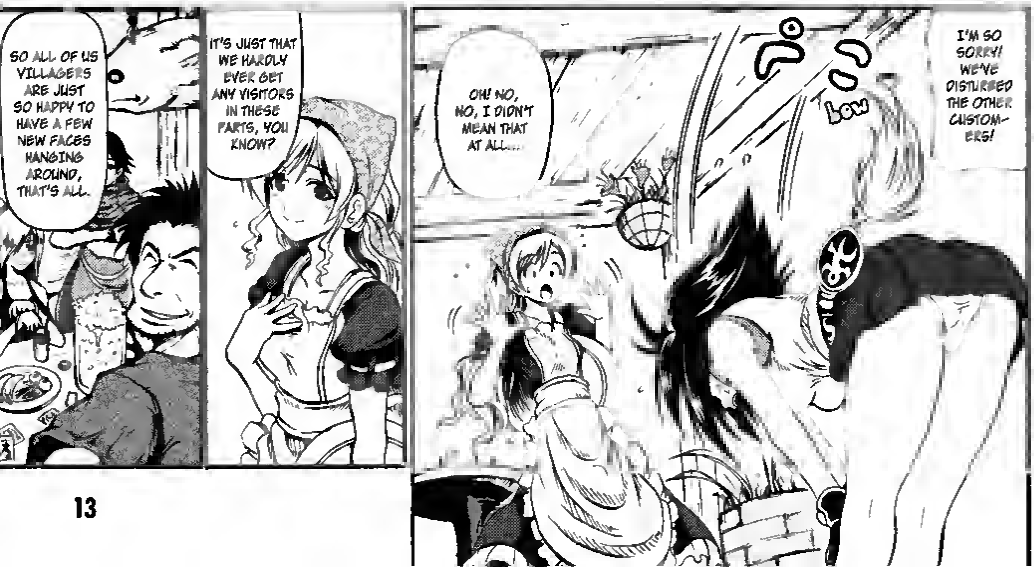

HUH? WHAT'S UP, AMELIA?
AT LAST... AT LAST, THE TIME HAS FIALLY COME!
HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING THOSE COSTUMES WITH YOU THIS ENTIRE TIME!?
NOW WE HAVE NO EXCUSE NOT TO RESUME THE "COLORFUL HERO SAGA"!!
WE'VE FINALLY ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF MORE THAN FIVE MEMBERS!!
silver (the new member)
red
Pink, of all colors! Why did it have to be pink!? I hate pink! I specifically said I didn't want to be pink!
SO YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE JUST TO LAUGH AT US, HUH!? YOU HAVE SUCH A SICK SENSE OF HUMOR!
green
pink
PUT A SOCK IN IT!!
blue
yellow
WELL, WELL, DON'T YOU ALL SEEM TO BE HAVING A GRAND TIME.
aha ha ha!
YOU SERIOUSLY WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS?
SO, WHICH COLOR DO I GET TO BE?

YEAH, YEAH! WHATEVER YOU SAY, MILLENA~
URG...
HAVING THE TWO OF YOU SPEND THE ENTIRE DAY AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS ISN'T GOING TO HELP US AT ALL.
WHAT WE NEED TO BE FOCUSING ON RIGHT NOW IS FIGURING OUT SOME WAY TO GET OUT OF HERE.
COME TO THINK OF IT! THAT'S A PRETTY BOLD SWIMSUIT YOU'VE GOT THERE WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE SHOWING OFF FOR HIM, WOULD'YA?
WH...?
IT'S JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T GET TOO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THIS SORT OF THING - RIGHT, MILLENA-SAN!
Fwuu ha ha...
Pant...
Pant...
I... I ONLY PICKED OUT THE CHEAPEST SWIMSUIT THEY HAD, THAT'S ALL!
Although in fact certain it's going to be me.

COME ON YOU GUYS, LIGHTEN UP! THIS ISLAND'S AWESOME!
THE FOOD'S GREAT, THE PEOPLE ARE NICE...
HECK, I ALMOST DON'T WANT TO LEAVE.
HEY, LINA,
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW MUCH LONGER ARE WE GONNA STAY HERE?
EEEEK!?

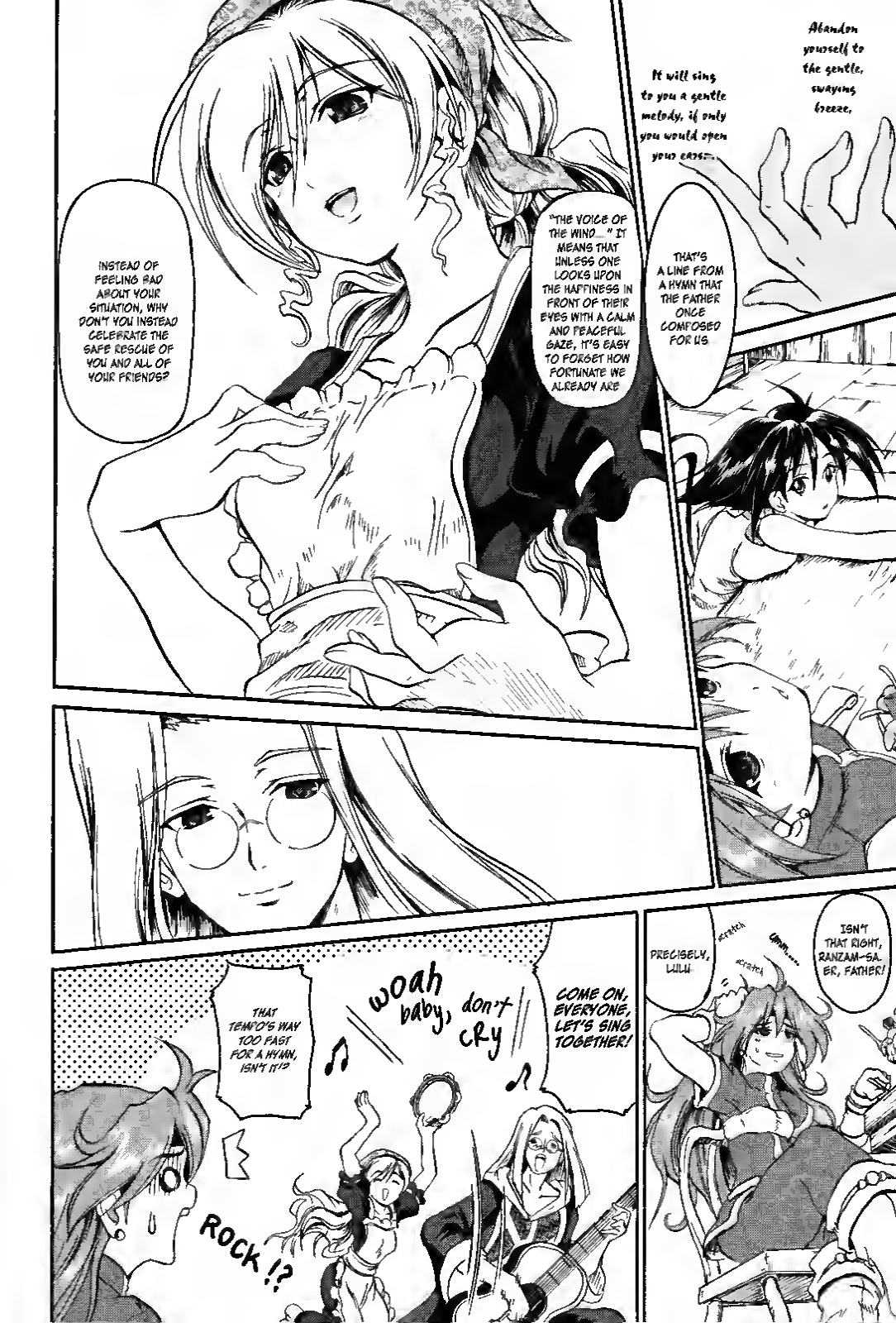
YOU MEAN WE CAN'T GET OFF THE ISLAND!?
OH, IT'S JUST THE ONLY THING WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS ENTIRE TIME!
BUT WE WERE ALL HAVING SUCH A GOOD TIME~!
JUST TO GET OUR MINDS OFF THE SITUATION FOR A BIT! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS SERIOUSLY PLAYING AROUND!
GRAPPLE
GRAPPLE
HASN'T THE HUSBAND GOTTEN A BIT DIMMER LATELY?
HAHA..
THE VILLAGE IS COMPLETELY ISOLATED, AND, FROM MY RESEARCH, IT SEEMS THE CITIZENS' LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS SOLELY ON WHAT THEY'RE ABLE TO SALVAGE FROM THE SHORE
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THEY HAVE NO REAL SHIP-BUILDING INDUSTRY TO SPEAK OF
I'VE BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME WHILE YOU THE REST OF YOU WERE OFF PLAYING AROUND, I WAS IN THE TOWN INVESTIGATING.
OH, HEY ZEL! WHEN'D YOU GET HERE?
SHAKE
SHAKE
HEY, HOW ABOUT WE JUST USE MAGIC TO FLY OUTTA HERE?
NICE
IDEA!
You're hopeless sometimes...
— LISTEN, IT'S PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE TO USE A SPELL TO FLY A RANGE FARTHER THAN WE COULD SEE WITH THE NAKED EYE
WE'D ONLY LOSE CONCENTRATION HALF-WAY THROUGH THE TRIP AND PLUNGE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.
THEN WE CAN BUILD A BOAT OURSELVES! YEAH, LET'S GET TO IT!
DON'T YOU DARE MAKE LIGHT OF THE SHIP-BUILDING INDUSTRY!
AHHH, WHATEVER! LISTEN, JUST STAY OUT OF THE CONVERSATION, OKAY!?
HEE HEE...

hahaha!
OH, GOSH! I'M SO SORRY, IT'S JUST...
OH...
YOU ALL SEEMED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING SO MUCH FUN, I COULDN'T HELP BUT LAUGH ALONG!
NICE TO MEETCHA! ER, UH...
IT'S LULU-SAN! SHE SAVED US WHEN WE SWEPT UP ON THE BEACH, REMEMBER!?
WHY CAN'T YOU FORGET HOW TO SPEAK FOR A WHILE SO WE CAN HAVE SOME PEACE AND QUIET!?


I'M SO SORRY! WE'VE DISTURBED THE OTHER CUSTOMERS!
tou
OH! NO, NO, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT AT ALL...
IT'S JUST THAT WE HARDLY EVER GET ANY VISITORS IN THESE PARTS, YOU KNOW?
SO ALL OF US VILLAGERS ARE JUST SO HAPPY TO HAVE A FEW NEW FACES HANGING AROUND, THAT'S ALL.

I'M VERY SORRY ABOUT THAT!
OH, HE SHOULD BE COMING AROUND IN JUST A FEW...
BUT IS HE STILL BUSY WITH WORK?
WE WERE HOPING TO SPEAK WITH THE MAYOR, SINCE HE WASN'T AVAILABLE THIS MORNING
AH, I FEEL SIMPLY TERRIBLE FOR MAKING YOU ALL WAIT SO LONG,
BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, I JUST COULDN'T TEAR MYSELF AWAY FROM THESE KIDS
FATHER, PLEASE LET US HEAR THE REST OF THE STORY!
I'LL TELL YOU THE END WHEN I FINISH UP HERE, I PROMISE.

I'M SORRY TO SAY THAT'S CORRECT...
IF YOU DON'T MIND,
CONCERNING OUR DEPARTURE FROM THE VILLAGE, IS IT TRUE THAT THERE'S REALLY NO WAY...?
THAT'S RIGHT. THEIR SMILES ARE OUR TREASURES
THE CHILDREN OF THIS VILLAGE ARE SO SPIRITED.
BECAUSE OF THIS PHENOMENON, TRAVELERS SEEKING TO DEPART FROM OUR ISLAND ARE FORCED BACK ONTO OUR SHORES FROM THE STRONG CURRENTS, LEAVING US WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO CUT TIES WITH ANY OUTLYING COUNTRIES OR CONTINENTS
WE'RE NOT QUITE SURE WHY, BUT THE OCEAN CURRENTS AROUND THE ISLAND ARE UNUSUALLY STRONG, FORMING SOMETHING LIKE A SPIRAL, LIKE GO, WHICH KEEPS THE ISLAND AT ITS CENTER.
SO YOU WERE DRAGGED HERE BY FORCE, HUH?
UUUGHHHH... I WAS EVEN SCHEDULED TO ATTEND CONFERENCES WITH OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES NEXT WEEK...
HOW THE HELL DIDN'T THEY CONSIDER SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT TO BE "ABDUCTION OF ROYALTY?"


Abandon yourself to the gentle, swaying breeze,
It will sing to you a gentle melody, if only you would open your ears...
THAT'S A LINE FROM A HYMN THAT THE FATHER ONCE COMPOSED FOR US
"THE VOICE OF THE WIND..." IT MEANS THAT UNLESS ONE LOOKS UPON THE HAPPINESS IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES WITH A CALM AND PEACEFUL GAZE, IT'S EASY TO FORGET HOW FORTUNATE WE ALREADY ARE
INSTEAD OF FEELING BAD ABOUT YOUR SITUATION, WHY DON'T YOU INSTEAD CELEBRATE THE SAFE RESCUE OF YOU AND ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS?
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, RANZAM-SA. ER, FATHER!
Umm...
scratch
scratch
PRECISELY, LILI!
COME ON, EVERYONE, LET'S SING TOGETHER!
woah baby, don't cry
THAT TEMPO'S WAY TOO FAST FOR A HYMN, ISN'T IT!?
ROCK!?

IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE, FEEL FREE TO TAKE A REST AND ENJOY THE LIFESTYLE OF OUR SMALL ISLAND, IF ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE
WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN'T HELP YOU TRAVELERS FIGURE OUT A WAY HOME AS WELL.
THIS IS SIMPLY THE IDEAL TOWN, DON'T YOU THINK, LINA? IT'S SO PEACEFUL AND QUIET!
YEAH, NO KIDDING. A BIT TOO PEACEFUL FOR MY TASTES, IF YOU ASK ME....
THERE CAN'T BE ANYTHING MORE MIND-NUMBINGLY MUNDANE THAN A PLACE LIKE THIS! I'M BORED OUT OF MY GOURD!
YAWN
YEAH, NO SHIT
MIGHT BE OKAY FOR A RETIREMENT HOME, BUT NOT MUCH ELSE
THAT'S AN AWFULLY RUDE THING TO SAY!
ESPECIALLY WITH ALL OF THE TOWNS-FOLK WITHIN EAR-SHOT!

IT FEELS KINDA LIKE YOU'RE ONLY RELIVING THE SAME DAY OVER AND OVER AGAIN, Y'KNOW?
NOT THAT THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH PEACEFULNESS AND ALL THAT, BUT IF I DIDN'T GET AN EXTRA BIT OF ACTION MIXED IN WITH MY EVERY-DAY LIFE, I'D GO STIR-CRAZY.
GOSH!
OOOH, THERE YOU GO AGAIN! YOU SHOULDN'T PAY BACK A GOOD DEED WITH SUCH EVIL COMMENTS!
HELPING US OUT OUT OF THE KINDNESS OF THEIR HEARTS IS ONE THING,
BUT THE LONGER THEY KEEP A BUNCH OF BAD EGGS LIKE US AROUND, ODDS ARE GOOD THAT THEY'LL GET DRAGGED INTO SOMETHING JUST 'CAUSE WE'RE HERE.
Hell, I wouldn't even wanna have our honeymoon here!
We gotta spend at least a week in a fancy tourist hot-spot for that kinda thing, right Millena~!!!
MIL
LE~
NA~
IN A WAY, HE'S RIGHT... HAVING A PERSON LIKE HIM BOTTLED UP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS WOULD BE ASKING FOR TROUBLE.

...SEE, I GET THAT WE HAVE TO SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS TO MAKE THE SEARCHIN' GO FASTER.....

I'M SURE IT'S JUST BECAUSE THEY SHARE THE SAME WAY OF LOOKING AT OUR CURRENT SITUATION THAT'S ALL.
TH ..THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT HAS TO BE.. ISN'T IT? AFTER ALL, THE TWO OF THEM ARE BOTH SO [illegible]...
BUT HOW COME THAT GUY GETS TO PAIR UP WITH MY MILLENAAAAA?

WAAAAH, YOU SON OF A BITCH! GET THE HELL OFFA MY HIGHWAY OF LOOOVE!
LUKE-SAN!?

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO START UP AFFAIRS IN THIS KINDA ARRANGE-MENT...
O-OH! LOOK, LUKE-SAN!
DON'T THESE APPLES LOOK DELICIOUS?

.....
AGH, IT'S PROBABLY ALREADY STARTED!! MILLENA'S SO FRIGGIN' NICE, IF SOME WORTHLESS GUY KEPT TRYIN' TO PICK UP ON HER, SHE'D.....!
SHE'S GONNA FORGET ABOUT ALL THE TIME WE'VE SPENT TOGETHER BECAUSE SHE'LL BE STUCK SO CLOSE TO THAT GUY, AND THEN-!!
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KA-BOOM!
WHATEVER IT WAS, IT DIDN'T SOUND LIKE ANOTHER ONE OF AMELIA'S "ACTS OF JUSTICE," THAT'S FOR SURE
LET'S MOVE!
THE HELL!?
WHA... WHAT WAS THAT?
IT CAME FROM THE TOWN SQUARE
GLUG
HEEEK!
NAH! THERE'S BACK-WATER TOWNS, AND THEN THERE'S THIS! MAN, HOW CAN YOU GUYS BEAR TO BREATH AROUND HERE? IT'S SUFFOCATIN' AS ALL HELL!
SMOKE...

ONLY A REDNECK TOWN LIKE THIS WOULDN'T KNOW THE NAME OF THE GREAT PIRATE MISTRESS, NOA!
IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA HAF'TA TEACH YOU FOLKS A LITTLE LESSON FOR NEGLECTIN' TO ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FOR ME 'N MY PALS HERE!
WOOH, "MAGIC BULLETS," HUH? NOW THERE'S SOMETHIN' YOU DON'T SEE EVERY DAY!
I THINK I CAN FORGET ABOUT MY DEPRESSION FOR A WHILE NOW, HEHE...
B'GAH!?
C'MON, YOU BUMPKINS! GATHER UP ALL YOUR VALUABLES 'N BRING 'EM TO ME, OR ELSE!

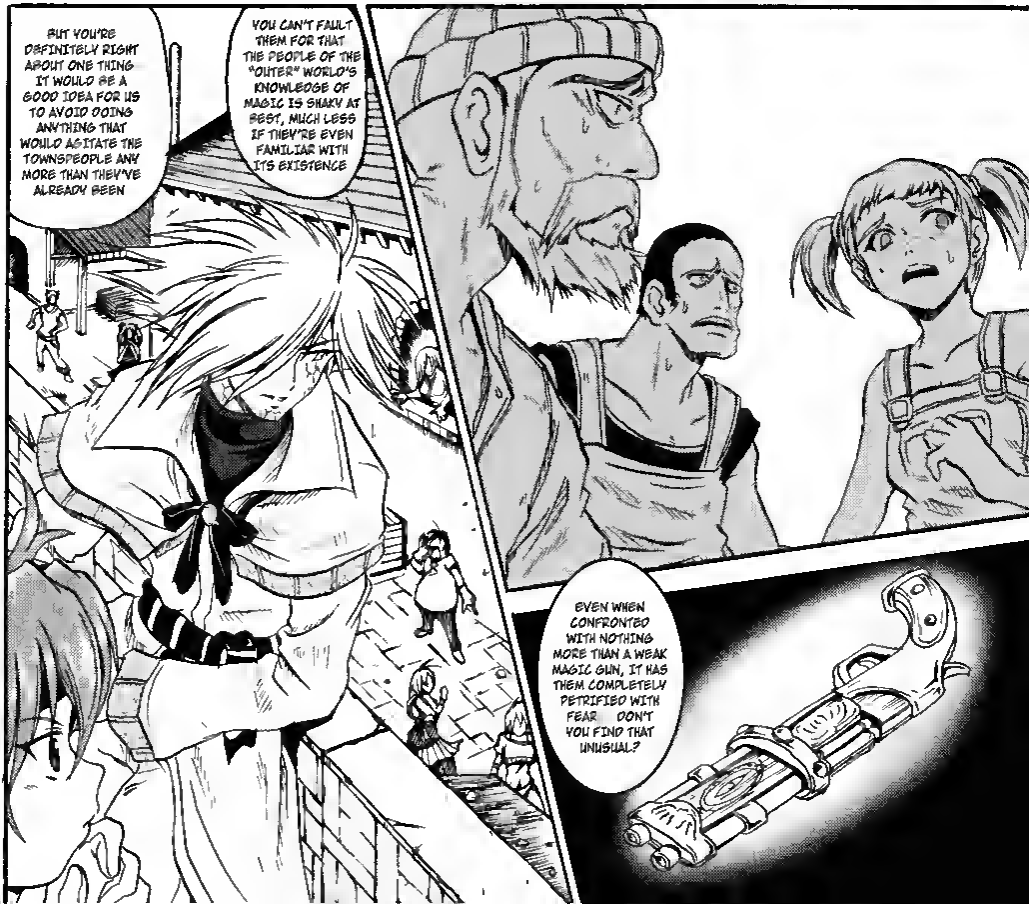
KA-CHA
WELL, SHIT, I GUESS PEOPLE WILL DO ANYTHIN' TO MAKE SURE THEY LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY...
NONE OF YOU LANDLUBBERS GOT THE BALLS TO THROW A STONE OR NOTHIN', HUH?
WH-WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE..
W-WHY WOULD YOU ALL DO SOME-THING SO...
GRIT...
DAN!
BOOM!
AHAA!
GAAH!
KAAAAA!!
IF WE BACK THEM UP AGAINST A WALL, ANIMAL INSTINCT IS SURE TO WAKE THEM UP AT SOME POINT- WHETHER THEY WANT TO OR NOT!!
HEEEEK!!
I KNOW, DAMMIT! BUT I'VE GOTTA AT LEAST SEE IF THIS WORKS...
S-SIS, YOU'RE GOING TOO...

HYA-
FI FIRA.
HYA. AAH
"PIRATES," HUH?! THAT WHAT YOU'RE SO AFRAID OF, MISS?
OOH,
SUGER
FLINCH
WELL IN THAT CASE, LEMME GIVE YOU A TASTE OF SOMETHIN' A WHOLE LOT FLASHIER THAN ANYTHING YOU'VE EVER SEEN!
IT'LL BE ENOUGH TO BLOW YOU OUTTA YOUR LIL' DREAM WORLD, 'N THEN SOME!

HOLD IT RIGHT THEEEEERE!!
HOW DARE YOU TRAMPLE THE PEACE OF THIS TRANQUIL VILLAGE UNDER-FOOT!
SHING
LISTEN WELL, FOUL VILLAINS WHO WOULD STRIKE TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR OWN SICK AMUSE-MENT!
EVEN IF YOU SHOULD ESCAPE THE WRATHFUL EYE OF GOD HIMSELF,
I, AMELIA WIL TESLA SEYRUUN, AM NOT SO FORGIVING!
DAAAA!!

TSK..!
YOU CAN THROW AROUND FANCY-SOUNDING NAMES ALL YOU WANT,
BUT THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL IT'S GONNA MAKE ME TAKE A PANTY-FLASHING PIP-SQUEAK LIKE YOU SERIOUSLY!
EH!?
OH OH MY GOSH!
SILENCE...
HOW DARE YOOOU! THAT WAS CHEAP, PLAIN AND SIMPLE!
GAH!
NO, NO, NO!!
NOW WAIT A MINUTE! THAT WASN'T MY FAULT AT ALL, WAS IT!?

MILLENA?
DOESN'T SOMETHING ABOUT THE VILLAGERS' REACTIONS BOTHER YOU?
GRAB
AH WELL, GUESS IT CAN'T HURT TO SEND THESE GUYS PACKING WITH A FEW WELL-PLACED BLOWS
AHHH, THAT'S OUR AMELIA! LIVING UP TO EXPECTATIONS AS ALWAYS, I SEE


BUT YOU'RE DEFINITELY RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO AVOID DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD AGITATE THE TOWNSPEOPLE ANY MORE THAN THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN
YOU CAN'T FAULT THEM FOR THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE "OUTER" WORLD'S KNOWLEDGE OF MAGIC IS SHAKY AT BEST, MUCH LESS IF THEY'RE EVEN FAMILIAR WITH ITS EXISTENCE
EVEN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH NOTHING MORE THAN A WEAK MAGIC GUN, IT HAS THEM COMPLETELY PETRIFIED WITH FEAR DON'T YOU FIND THAT UNUSUAL?

THERE'S SOMETHING THERE IN ADDITION TO FEAR SOME OTHER EMOTION...
NO I'M SURE THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN MEETS THE EYE
LUK!
TWIST
'TAKE 'EM DOWN WITHOUT USING MAGIC', IS THAT IT?
AAAH, I GET IT SOMETHING'S BUGGING HER ABOUT THESE GUYS, HUH
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE I COULD TAKE OUT A FEW PUNKS LIKE THIS WITH MY BARE FISTS IF I HAD—

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOUR- SEEEEELP!
無宮蹴
ALL CREATURES KICK!!
慈宮
KINDNESS TOWARDS
BASH!! hey KICK!!
YOU'VE BROUGHT TEARS TO YOUR PARENTS' EYES! GIVE IT UP! I SHALL HELP YOU LOOK FOR A REAL JOB!
MAKING A LIVING BY STEALING OTHER PEOPLE'S BELONGINGS IS NO WAY TO GO THROUGH LIFE!
FUWA!
FLICK!
TAKE THAT!
YEEK...
NO-
HOLD ON A MINUTE, WE'RE NOT THAT SORT OF...
YIYK!

LOVE FOR ALL MAN-KIND
GO OUT THERE AND FIND A REAL JOB!!
THROW!!
FROM NOW ON, YOU MUST NEVER SHOW VIOLENCE TOWARDS YOUR FELLOW MAN!
HOLY SHIT, THIS "JUSTICE" CRAP IS SCARY!
DFF!
KE
RI-
SMASH!
HMPH!
IS IT JUST ME, OR IS THAT KID STARTING TO RESEMBLE PRINCE PHIL A LITTLE MORE EVERY DAY?
AHA HA HA!
HEY, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING RAISED TO BE TOUGH!
COOL BREATH...

S-SIS, THESE GUYS ARE WAY OUTTA OUR LEAGUE!
WE SHOULD PULL BACK, JUST FOR NOW...

APPARENTLY MY TECHNIQUES OF PERSUASION WERE NOT ENOUGH TO CONVINCE HER TO CHANGE HER EVIL WAYS!
I'D SAY THAT DECLARATION OF EVIL CAME STRAIGHT OUT OF "THE DUMMY'S GUIDE TO VILLAINY!"

LUKE?

ONCE I SET MY SIGHTS ON MY PREY, I'LL... WAIT, THAT'S NOT IT--!
I.... I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU YET, YA HEAR ME!?
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

NOW, IF THAT WERE LINA IN HER SHOES, SHE WOULD HAVE CHASED THEM DOWN, BEAT THE HELL OUT OF 'EM, AND THEN STOLE THE SHIP THEY RODE IN ON.
I MEAN, IT WAS PRETTY BIG-HEARTED OF HER TO LET THEM ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES, WASN'T IT?
HOW DO YOU FIGURE!?
'ATTA GIRL, AMELIA! I'M IMPRESSED!
WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?
HUH? WHAT?
AFTER THOSE PIRATES!!

GOODNESS, WHAT A BUSY BUNCH THEY ARE!
AREN'T THEY? THEY RAN OFF BEFORE WE EVEN HAD THE CHANCE TO THANK THEM...
SHIVER
SHIVER
..WILL NEVER AGAIN HAVE THE OPPOR-TUNITY...
...THAT'S RIGHT THOSE PEOPLE WHO FRIGHTENED YOU SO MUCH...
IT'S OKAY, LULU YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ANYMORE
NO PIRATES WILL SET FOOT IN THIS TOWN EVER AGAIN

GOURRY-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? THOSE ARE THE MOUNTAINS!
YOU DOPE! YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY THINK THEY'D LEAVE A SHIP IN THE MOUNTAINS, DO YOU!?
DAMMIT.. WHO WERE THOSE GUYS, ANYWAY!?
THERE'S NO WAY ANY NORMAL PERSON COULD HAVE BEEN THAT STRONG... MAYBE THEY WERE HIRED BODY-GUARDS?
YOU GUYS OKAY?
Y-YEAH. GOOD THING YOU GOT AWAY WITH JUST A FEW SCRATCHES, SIS...

JUST FOR NOW, WE SHOULD PROBABLY PULL AWAY FROM THE ISLAND AND WAIT UNTIL-
NO, DAMMIT, NO!
SLAM!
MAYBE WE'D BE WASTING OUR TIME TRYING TO PUSH THIS PLAN ANY FURTHER?
WE'RE NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO SET FOOT INSIDE THAT TOWN SO LONG AS THEY HAVE GUYS LIKE THAT HANGING AROUND THERE
E-EVEN YOU GUYS NOTICED THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES, RIGHT? THERE WAS SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ABOUT 'EM!
THERE WAS A REACTION THERE, I KNOW IT! WE'RE SO CLOSE!

JUST A LITTLE MORE THEY'LL ALL WAKE UP IF WE JUST PUSH THEM A LITTLE MORE, I'M SURE OF IT!
WE'RE GONNA TAKE IT ALL BACK WITH OUR OWN HANDS..... WE CAN'T GIVE UP NOW!
SIS...
REGARDLESS, I BELIEVE WE WOULD HAVE BEEN QUITE DISINCLINED TO ACCEPT YOUR WITHDRAWAL HAD YOU EVEN OFFERED
STEP...
GWUGH!!!
KICK!

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KYAA!!
SKID
GUH! AGH!!
UGH... GUH!
WELL, NOW, THAT WON'T DO AT ALL
WE CAN'T VERY WELL HAVE THOSE VULGAR SCREAMS OF YOURS DROWNING OUT THE HOLY LULLABY CRADLING THIS ISLAND IN ITS EMBRACE. NOW CAN WE?

WH... WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ASSHOLES SUPPOSED TO BE!?
UGH... WHAT'S A BUNCH OF BASTARDS LIKE YOU DOING ON THIS ISLAND, HUH...!?
S....
SIS ...!
YANK
HNGH!!
HMPH I KNEW WE'D ONLY WASTE OUR TIME TRADING WORDS WITH A LOWLY BUNCH OF PIRATES
COUGH
LICK
THAT'S QUITE A WAY TO SPEAK TO THE GUARDIANS OF THE ISLAND, ISN'T IT?

TO BE QUITE FRANK, SPEAKING TO OUR PEOPLE OF THOSE DAYS OF OLD WOULD ONLY SERVE TO AGITATE THEM.
WE OF THIS ISLAND DIVORCED OURSELVES FROM YOUR IMPURE WORLD AGES AGO.
GIVE IT BACK!
GIVE US BACK OUR HOME, DAMN YOU!!
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO DESTROYED THE VILLAGE AND BUILT THIS JOKE IN ITS PLACE!
WAIT... NOW I GET IT! IT WAS YOU! YOU'RE THE ONES WHO...!
WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS WE WOULD RATHER LIKE TO ASK OF YOU. COME WITH US
THAT CERTAINLY LIES TO REST ANY DOUBTS WE HAD ABOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ISLAND'S PREVIOUS FORM.
GAAH..!!

AS FAR AS ANYONE KNOWS.... SHE HAD NO REAL ACCOMPLICES. MAKE IT SO.
WE ARE TO ASSUME THE WOMAN WAS ALONE IN RAMPAGING ABOUT THE TOWN IN HER GROTESQUE LITTLE PLAY OF MAKE-BELIEVE
SOB
SNIFF
WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THE BEAST-MEN AND THE SHIP?
KA-CHAK!
HEEK...!?
DON'T DO IIIIIIIT!
N...NO! YOU CAN'T... WAIT, PLEASE ...!

FAR BE IT FROM ME TO MEDDLE IN THE DISPUTES OF A FEW EVIL-DOERS,
BUT I'LL HAVE THE WHOLE LOT OF YOU KNOW THAT I SET MY EYES ON THAT TREASURE OVER THERE FIRST!
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR DEAL IS, BUT THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M GONNA STAND FOR YOU GUYS BUSTING IT TO PIECES IN YOUR LITTLE TIFF WITHOUT MH CONSENT!
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KER-SMACK
BASH!

YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR WRECKING MY SHIP, ALRIGHT!
AND BELIEVE ME, IT'S NOT GONNA RUN CHEAP.

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LUKE, LUKE, LUKE, LUKE, LUKE~!

OH, UH, HI. QUICK TRANSLATION NOTE (REALLY THE ONLY ONE) - REMEMBER THE PART WHERE LUKE SAYS "GET OFFA MY HIGHWAY OF LOOOOVE!"? THAT WAS A BIT OF A LIBERTY ON MY PART. IN JAPANESE, 恋路 (KOIJI) MEANS SOMETHING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF THE "PATH OF LOVE", AKA LOVE'S NATURAL COURSE— BUT LOOKING IT TO A "HIGHWAY" WHILE SOMEWHAT OF A LITERAL TRANSLATION, IS A BIT OVER THE TOP, AND I THOUGHT SUITED HIM WELL XD GAH, LUUUKE. OH, AND AMELIA REALLY DOESN'T REFER TO LINA WITH AN HONORIFIC FOR SRS BTW. WE KINDA NEED MORE EDITORS BEFORE WE CAN PUT OUT CHAPTER TWO. IT'S GONNA BE ONE HELL OF A NIGHTMARE.

-ZED (ILLITERATE TRANSLATOR)

BRB, DESTROYING LIGHT MAGIC.

(ALSO: THIS LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE "WE WANT YOU!" POSTERS, EXCEPT IT'S RETARDED.)

-MELFIRA (PART-TIME EDITOR + QC)

TURTLE PARADISE IS NOW RECRUITING FOR ALL POSITIONS!
VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!!

I BELIEVE YOU MAY BE MISTAKEN... AS THE VIGILANTE CORPS OF THIS ISLAND,
WE WERE ONLY THINKING OF TAKING CARE OF THIS VILLAINOUS PIRATE. SURELY YOU FIND NO FAULT IN RIDDING THE WORLD OF SUCH FILTH?
S-STOP... AGH!
W-WHY ARE YOU RESISTING ME!
GAH!!
THWOK

02 AN ILLUSION? THE DARKNESS OF DOUBT WITHIN THE CITY IS BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

A GROUP OF MEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTING AN UNARMED WOMAN!!
THE DETECTOR READS 120% EVIL! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH THIS!!
S-SEXUALLY ASSAULTING?
I SEE... YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT CLEAR

EEEK...!!
WHA...
JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR!
YOU WILL BE DISPOSED OF ALONG WITH THE TRESPASSER!
BOOM

PUSH THEM BACK WITH CONCENTRATED FIRE-POWER!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? THEY'RE WIDE OPEN!
BRAM
GASH!
WHAT THE...
WHO ARE THESE GUYS...?

THEY'RE IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEAGUE!
ALL UNITS,
SUR-ROUND THEM FROM INSIDE THE GROVE!
BUT THIS ROAD'S CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC.
OOPS, SORRY ABOUT THAT, FELLAS.
BLADE HAUT!

FALL BACK, REGROUP!
PICK THEM OFF, ONE BY...
VICE FLARE!
BOOM
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RE-GROUPING ANYMORE

DON'T GIVE UP! ALL HANDS, FALL BACK TO THE SHORELINE...
DAMN... SO MUCH FOR VISIBILITY...
THEY TOOK THE BAIT.
Let us, together, join our powers as one.
and swear an oath, pledging myself to dark...
To all these fools who stand before us in challenge...
I invoke thy great name, you who lies buried within the flow of time,
Thou who art darker than twilight
More crimson than flowing blood...
!!!
GOT 'EM RIGHT WHERE I WANT 'EM, MILLENA!

And divine destruction upon them without spare!!
DRAGON SLAAAAVE!

.. OH? OVER ALREADY?
MMMM THAT WASN'T VERY SATISFYING...
OHOH, NON, NON, MY DEAR AMELIA! THE FUN'S ONLY JUST BEGUN!
WE STILL NEED SOMEONE TO GUIDE US TO THE HEAD HONCHO SO I CAN COLLECT COMPENSATION FOR MY TREASURE! AND THAT'S WHERE THIS GUY, THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF HIS COMPANY, COMES IN
!?
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GASP

BANG
WHA-...
KILLED HIMSELF TO SEAL HIS OWN MOUTH, HUH...
ANY WAY I LOOK AT IT, THEY DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE OF GANG THAT HAD ANY REASON TO GO TO THOSE EXTREMES.
MAYBE THEY WERE MEMBERS OF SOME DEMONIC CULT?
IS THAT ANY WAY FOR A PRIESTESS TO TALK?
NO...

BACK WHEN I WAS STILL A SWORD-FOR-HIRE, I USED TO SEE THAT SORT OF THING ALL THE TIME.
YOU'D RUN ACROSS SOME RELIGIOUS FANATICS ON THE BATTLEFIELD WHO THOUGHT NOTHING OF THROWING AWAY THEIR LIVES FOR THE CAUSE OF SOME BLIND FAITH. BUT THEIR EYES WERE ALL DEAD, TOTALLY WITHOUT SPIRIT.
I DIDN'T SEE DEATH IN THAT GUY'S EYES. THEY WERE ON *FIRE*.
LIKE A THIEF WHO'D CHEATED SOME POOR SAP OUT OF SOMETHING VALUABLE, AND WAS RUNNING AWAY WITH THE SPOILS AS FAST AS HE COULD...
WHO WERE THOSE GUYS, REALLY...
GODS— THAT REALLY LEAVES A TERRIBLE TASTE IN MY MOUTH.
SO... HOW MUCH LONGER YOU GUYS GONNA KEEP UP WITH THE LOVE-FEST OVER THERE?
GAH..! WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? TH-THIS IS... UH...

RECOVERY!
YEAH, RIGHT. YOUR "JUSTICE" IS ROUGH ENOUGH AS IS.....
FOR GOODNESS SAKE! HOW DARE THEY MANHANDLE A POOR, DEFENSELESS GIRL LIKE THAT!
HEY, YOU GUYS WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE, LIKE, CELEBRITIES FROM THE MAIN CONTINENT, WOULD YOU?
WOW... IT DOESN'T HURT AT ALL!
THANK YOU..
M-MMM
BUT SHOW A LITTLE GRATITUDE, WOULD YOU? IT'S NOT OFTEN I WORK FOR FREE.
WELL.. AT LEAST MY SHIP IS OKAY,
WAIT, "MY" SHIP!?
AH-
YOU MIGHT WANNA JUST GIVE UP ON THAT ONE.

FUNYA?
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

I-IN THAT CASE, LET'S MAKE A DEAL! I'M A PRETTY GOOD NAVIGATOR, SO I'LL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE YOU WANT! IN EXCHANGE...
O-OH! S-SO YOU GUYS NEED A SHIP?

WE'RE NOT GOING TO GET INTO THE WHOLE "BORROWING AND LENDING" DEAL HERE, SO CONSIDER THIS TRADE DONE AND OVER! I'M NOT ABOUT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ANY MORE HASSLES ON YOUR PART, CAPICHE?
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, THIS BOAT'S YOUR ONE AND ONLY ASSET, SO I'LL TAKE THAT AND CALL US EVEN; BUT ONLY BECAUSE I'M WILLING TO CUT YOU SOME SLACK, ALRIGHT?
YOU ALREADY OWE ME, BUT GOOD. BEFORE YOU GET ANY BARGAINING CHIPS, YOU'VE GOT TO PAY ME BACK FIRST, GOT IT?
DON'T GET CHEEKY WITH ME. DID YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID?
EEP...

LET GO! KNOCK IT OFF BEFORE YOU PULL MY CLOTHES OFF!
H-HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GRABBING, HUH!?
P-PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOOOU-- AT LEAST HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY---
PULL
PULL

NOOOO! THE SHIP OF OUR MEMORIES~!
WAIT, LINA! FIRST WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE DOWN THAT HASTY, EVIL-LOOKING SAIL AND MAKE A NEW ONE!
ALRIGHT, GANG, LET'S CHRISTEN THIS BOAT AND GET ON THE ROAD! RAISE THE SAIL OF HOPE!

LOOK, EVEN IF WE DID HAVE A SHIP, WE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO STEER IT, MUCH LESS GET IT TO MOVE AND DID YOU FORGET ABOUT THAT WEIRD CURRENT SURROUNDING THE WHOLE ISLAND?
DON'T YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO LEAVE THIS SORT OF THING IN THE HANDS OF A PROFESSIONAL? I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I SURE DON'T FEEL LIKE GETTING SHIPWRECKED AGAIN ANY TIME SOON
NRGH...
NOW, NOW, LINA. HOLD YOUR HORSES
N-NOW WHAT? YOU'RE NOT PULLING MORE OF THAT SYMPATHY CRAP, ARE YOU?
YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS.. NOA, RIGHT?
SOB
SNIFF
?
DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU SAY, WE MIGHT BE WILLING TO STRIKE UP A DEAL WITH YOU.
LET'S HEAR IT
I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT YOU BACK IN THE VILLAGE, BUT NOW YOU WON'T EVEN STOP CRYING
YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE A BAD PERSON, SO WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AROUND PRETENDING TO BE A PIRATE?

YOU USED TO LIVE ON THIS ISLAND?
STOP INTERRUPTING AND LET THE GIRL TALK!
EVEN IF THIS IS YOUR HOME-TOWN, YOU CAN'T JUST COME AND TERRORIZE ITS PEOPLE!
OH, PLEASE! YOU EXPECT US TO BUY THAT GARBAGE? I WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY, YOU KNOW
THIS VILLAGE LIES RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA ROUTES CONNECTING SEVERAL DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.
SO IT WAS USED AS A MID-WAY REST POINT FOR THE TRADE ROUTES BETWEEN THEM... WE VILLAGERS MADE OUR LIVING BY SUPPLYING THE SHIPS THAT CAME THROUGH HERE AS WELL AS PROVIDING LODGING FOR THEIR PASSENGERS.
BUT THEN, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WE WERE TARGETED BY A GROUP OF PIRATES.
THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO OUR VILLAGE, PILLAGED OUR VALUABLES, AND LAID SIEGE TO THE TOWN... AND THEY CONTINUED TO DO IT, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

-I STUDIED SORCERY, AND TOOK UP THE SWORD.... I LOOKED FOR SOMEONE WHO WOULD PROTECT THE ISLAND... I DIDN'T CARE WHAT IT TOOK, SO LONG AS I BROUGHT THAT KIND OF STRENGTH BACK WITH ME TO THE ISLAND.
DURING THOSE FEW DAYS WHEN THEY'D LET UP THEIR ATTACK, EVERYONE WOULD KEEP SAYING WE NEEDED TO RALLY TOGETHER AND TAKE A STAND AGAINST THEM, BUT WHEN PUSH CAME TO SHOVE, THEY WERE ALL PETRIFIED WITH FEAR.
I WAS SO FRUSTRATED... I COULDN'T JUST SILENTLY ALLOW THEM TO COME TO OUR VILLAGE DAY AFTER DAY WHILE THEY TREATED OUR TOWN AND PEOPLE LIKE GARBAGE.
HUSH...!
LET'S JUST LISTEN TO THE WHOLE STORY FOR NOW
WAIT JUST A MINUTE, ISN'T THAT COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY WERE TELLING US IN THE VILLAGE?
WOW! WHAT A NICE PERSON!
BUT THAT SORCERESS FELT SORRY FOR ME BECAUSE I WAS HAVING SUCH A ROUGH TIME, SO SHE GAVE ME THIS MAGIC GUN
AND EVERY JOB I TRIED WORKING AT FIRED ME 'CAUSE THEY THOUGHT I WAS EITHER A KLUTZ OR A OTIZ.
I WASTED ALL MY MONEY TRYING TO HIRE STRONG PEOPLE TO HEL. ME,
SO I GOT BOOTED OUT OF EVERY SINGLE ACADEMY I ENROLLED INTO.
BUT I NEVER GOT ANY GOOD AT USING MAGIC, FIGHTING WITH A SWORD, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT,
NAH, COULDN'T BE...
YEP! SHE WALKED AROUND HALF-NAKED IN THE WEIRDEST OUTFIT I'D EVER SEEN, AND YOU COULD NEVER TELL WHAT SHE WAS GOING TO DO NEXT, AND I DON'T THINK SHE EVER KNEW WHERE SHE ACTUALLY WAS, BUT RIGHT NOW, I CONSIDER HER TO BE MY MASTER - THE PERSON I RESPECT MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD!
AND THEN A STRANGE SORCERESS CORNERED ME AND BLASTED A FIREBALL IN MY FACE, BURNING OFF ALL MY CLOTHES, TO BOOT!
BUT HE MISTOOK ME FOR SOME WANTED BURGLAR, AND CHASED ME THROUGH THE ENTIRE CITY,
I GOT TO THE POINT WHERE I GOT SO HUNGRY I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE, SO I FINALLY GAVE IN 'N STOLE AN APPLE FROM A STREET VENDOR,
AND THEN SOME PICKPOCKET PILFERED THE LAST OF MY COIN, AND I COULDN'T AFFORD ANYTHING TO EAT AT ALL..
SNIFFLE
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BUT JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE VILLAGE THAT WAS ALWAYS ON MY MIND
I SPENT SEVERAL YEARS AWAY... AND AFTER A LOT OF HA..D WO..K, I WAS ABLE TO GET MY VERY OWN SHIP
I ARRIVED... ONLY TO FIND THAT MY BELOVED HOME...
HAD TURNED INTO A COMPLETE FAKE IN THE TIME I WAS GONE.
IT LOOKED LIKE NO ONE HAD PICKED UP A ROD IN OUR ONCE-THRIVING FISHING VILLAGE SINCE I'D LEFT, AND THE SHIPS WHICH ONCE LINED OUR DOCKS WERE NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.
THE OLD BLACKSMITH, THAT STUBBORN OLD GEEZER,
REFUSED TO EVEN PICK UP A MALLET, AND FLINCHED AWAY FROM SWORDS AND OTHER SHARP OBJECTS LIKE HE WAS AFRAID TO COME CLOSE TO THEM
AT THE ALTER WHERE WE WORSHIPED THE GOD OF THE VILLAGE,
SOMEONE HAD BUILT A HUGE, SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CHURCH TO COVER IT UP.
AND THE WORST PART OF ALL.... I RAN AROUND THE VILLAGE ASKING EVERYONE I COULD POSSIBLY FIND
BUT NOT ONE PERSON REMEMBERED ME, OR EVEN KNEW WHO I WAS.

I COULDN'T WRAP MY MIND AROUND THE THOUGHT THAT THE VILLAGERS HAD CHANGED THE WAY THEY FELT ABOUT ME,
SO I DECIDED THAT SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED THAT WOULD HAVE MADE THEM FORGET ABOUT THE PAST.
I WAS SO SURE... IF SOMEONE SHOWED UP TO GIVE THEM ENOUGH OF A SCARE, LIKE THOSE PIRATES EVERYONE WAS SO AFRAID OF, THE SHOCK WOULD MAKE THEIR MEMORIES COME BACK
SO.. I TRIED MAKING UP A PIRATE COSTUME AND RAMPAGING AROUND THE TOWN TO SHAKE 'EM UP A FIT, MAKING SURE NOT TO HURT 'EM, OF COURSE, BUT.. WELL, YOU KNOW THE STORY FROM THERE... ..
S-SAY, I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE REALLY STRONG, SO PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP ME!
IF IT'S A SHIP YOU'RE AFTER, THEN TAKE IT, IT'S YOURS! IT'S JUST, I'M SURE THOSE GUYS FROM BEFORE MUST BE MANIPULATING THE PEOPLE SOMEHOW, AND——

LISTEN, PEOPLE CHANGE OVER TIME.
IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THE VILLAGERS DECIDED THEY NEEDED TO CHANGE THE WAY THINGS WERE -
AND IT'S POSSIBLE THAT MEANT TURNING YOU AWAY BY PRETENDING THEY HAD ALREADY FORGOTTEN BOTH YOU AND THE VILLAGE AS IT WAS, ALL IN ORDER TO TRULY PUT BOTH YOU AND THE PAST BEHIND THEM.
!
ZELGADIS-SAN!
SHE OUGHT TO AT LEAST TAKE IT INTO CONSIDER-ATION
IF THE PAST WAS AS BAD AS SHE CLAIMED, THE VILLAGERS MOST LIKELY SHUNNED HER BECAUSE SHE REMINDED THEM TOO MUCH OF THE UNPLEASANT THINGS THAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM
YOU...
YOU REALLY THINK SO--?
SURE, I WAS GONE FOR A WHILE, BUT. BUT WE MADE SO MANY MEMORIES TOGETHER...
IS THAT REALLY THE WAY PEOPLE ARE--? THEY CAN'T THROW AWAY ALL THOSE MEMORIES IT TOOK YEARS TO BUILD.. CAN THEY--?
...A PERSON CHANGES WITH TIME, THAT MUCH IS TRUE.

BUT THE MEMORIES YOU MAKE WITH A PERSON LEAVE MARKS ON THE HEART... WHILE THEY MAY FADE WITH TIME, THEY WILL NEVER COMPLETELY DISAPPEAR
IF I WERE IN THE SAME SITUATION... I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO COMPLETELY LOSE EVERY MEMORY I HAD OF SOMEONE WITH WHOM I'D LIVED FOR SO LONG...
IF THAT'S MILLENA'S TAKE ON THINGS, THEN I GUESS IT'S SETTLED
HEH...!
AAAH, FINE, I GET IT! WE'LL GO ALONG WITH HER PLAN - NOT LIKE WE HAVE A CHOICE.
THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HERS AND THE VILLAGERS VERSIONS OF THE ROAT AND TIDE BUSINESS, BUT UNLESS WE MAKE A FINAL DECISION, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SAIL OFF ANYWAY
PFF!
TOO BAD MILLENA-SAN DIDN'T HEAR YOU...
I'M A TREASURE HUNTER!
I'LL HELP YOU SEARCH FOR THIS LOST TREASURE YOU CALL YOUR "MEMORIES!"
SPARKLE
TH...
THANK YOU...

YOU HEAR THAT, GUYS? IT'S GONNA BE OKAY! WE'LL TURN EVERYONE BACK TO NORMAL!
AND THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO SHOW YOU MY REAL HOME TOWN.
NAH COULDN'T BE COULDN'T...
I'M AMAZED SHE WAS ABLE TO USE SUCH A HIGH LEVEL SPELL, BUT IT'S ALMOST COMPLETELY POINTLESS!
MASTER CAST A SPELL ON THEM SO THAT FOR ONE DAY OUT OF EVERY WEEK, THEY CAN TURN INTO BEAST-MEN
OH, THEY'RE PROBABLY STILL AFRAID OF YOU, OR SOMETHING. REMEMBER MY UNDERLINGS BACK IN THE VILLAGE? THAT WAS THESE GUYS
ARE THEY YOUR PETS, NOA-SAN?
OH, THEY'RE ADORABLE!
Come!
HUH?
H-
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT WAS WITH THAT FIRE THEY WERE BLASTING OUT EVERYWHERE?
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THIS EQUIPMENT IS FROM THE ANTI-MAGE CORPS OF DEMIOUS CITY.
BUT THE DESIGN IS OBSOLETE AND THEY LOOK OLD AND USED... ALMOST LIKE THEY WERE HELD ON TO JUST FOR THIS INCIDENT AND WERE TO BE DISPOSED OF SOON AFTERWARD...

NOT TOO LONG AGO, THERE WAS A NOBLEMAN WHO CREATED A STYLE OF FIRE-ARM THAT USED MAGIC TO PROPEL A LEAD BALL OUT OF A SHAFT AT A HIGH SPEED-
THESE WERE TWEAKED VERSIONS OF THAT TOOL, ONLY THEY USED BULLETS INFUSED WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF MAGICAL ENERGY AS AMMO INSTEAD OF THE LEAD.

ANYWAY, THEY'RE FAIRLY OBSOLETE NOWADAYS, SO IF YOU'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO FIND ONE, YOU'RE BETTER OFF EITHER KEEPING IT AS A STUDY MATERIAL OR A NOVELTY.
WAVING ONE OF THOSE BABIES AROUND IS NO BETTER THAN SCREAMING, "HEY, LOOK AT ME! I CAN'T USE MAGIC!"
UUU...

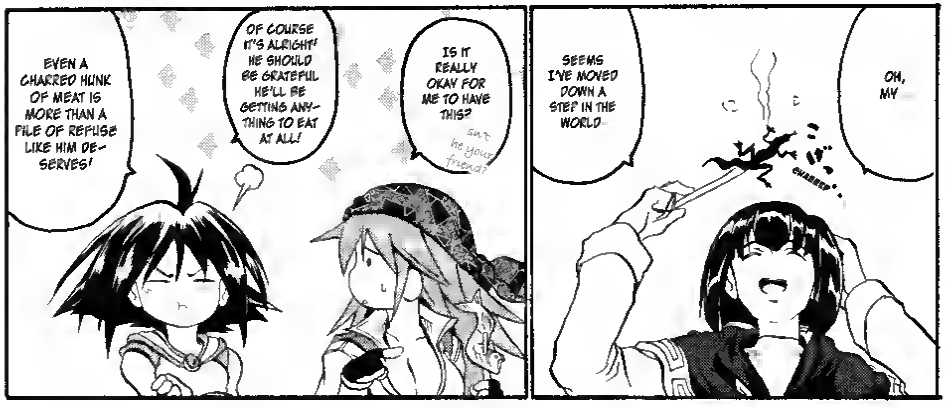
WOAH SO IF I GOT MY HANDS ON ONE OF THOSE SHELLS, EVEN I COULD USE MAGIC, HUH?
IN THEORY
THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WITH THAT IS THEY COST A SMALL FORTUNE TO MANUFACTURE - AND THAT'S ONLY IF YOU'RE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE ABLE TO CRAFT THEM. THEY NEVER REALLY TOOK OFF BECAUSE OF THAT.

U-UM— WHAT ABOUT ME—?
H-HUH? WE'RE SHORT?

BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT POS-SESSED THEM TO USE SUCH WEAPONS IN THIS DAY AND AGE—
HEY, GRUB'S UP.

I KNOW I MADE ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY. LESSE— ONE— TWO— TH-
HEY, SHUT UP! DON'T PUT ME ON THE SAME LEVEL AS YOU!
OH, LUKE— YOU'RE A REAL BULLY, Y'KNOW THAT?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WALTZING INTO OUR CAMP LIKE YOU BELONG HERE, XELLOSS!?
OH, HELLO THERE.
...THE HELL ARE YOU!?

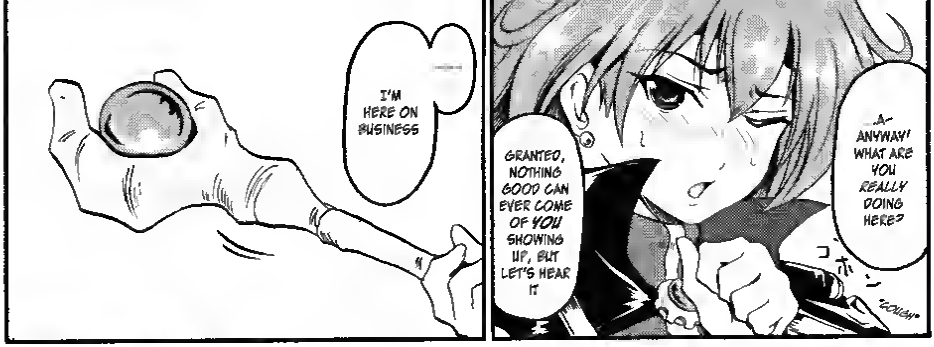

EVEN A CHARRED HUNK OF MEAT IS MORE THAN A PILE OF REFUSE LIKE HIM DESERVES!
OF COURSE IT'S ALRIGHT! HE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL HE'LL BE GETTING ANYTHING TO EAT AT ALL!
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO HAVE THIS?
isn't he your friend?
SEEMS I'VE MOVED DOWN A STEP IN THE WORLD...
OH, MY
GUARRR!

WHAT DO YOU WANT, XELLOSS?
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE PLAYING YOUR GAMES RIGHT NOW.
THAT'S RATHER COLD OF YOU!

I ONLY WANTED TO JOIN YOU ON YOUR VACATION, LINA-SAN
!?
IS THAT SO WRONG?

A-AMELIA!? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED TO HOLD LINA IS GOURRY-SAN!
HOW DARE YOU ENTICE SOMEONE TO COMMIT ADULTERY! DOES YOUR NYMPHOMANIA KNOW NO BOUNDS!?
AHAHA!

TIME FOR A LESSON ON LIIIIFE-!!
WAHOO!


I'M HERE ON BUSINESS
GRANTED, NOTHING GOOD CAN EVER COME OF YOU SHOWING UP, BUT LET'S HEAR IT
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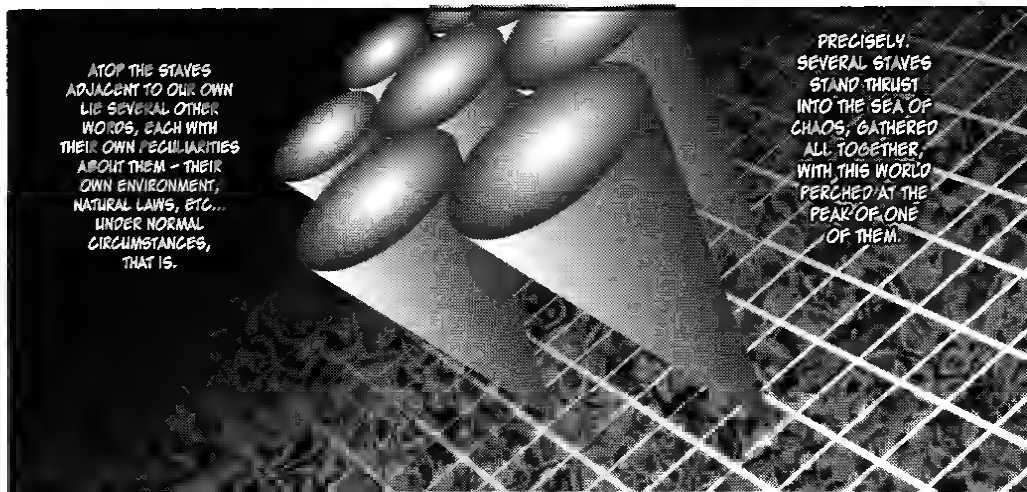
"AHEM"
A- ANYWAY! WHAT ARE YOU REALLY DOING HERE?

THE STORY ABOUT THE STAFFS ATOP THE SEA, RIGHT?
WELL, SURE. ANYBODY WHO'S STUDIED MAGIC KNOWS ABOUT THAT...

"THE SEA OF CHAOS"
CERTAINLY YOU KNOW OF WHAT I SPEAK?


ATOP THE STAVES ADJACENT TO OUR OWN LIE SEVERAL OTHER WORDS, EACH WITH THEIR OWN PECULIARITIES ABOUT THEM - THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL LAWS, ETC... UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT IS.
PRECISELY. SEVERAL STAVES STAND THRUST INTO THE SEA OF CHAOS, GATHERED ALL TOGETHER, WITH THIS WORLD PERCHED AT THE PEAK OF ONE OF THEM.

IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THIS ISLAND HOLDS THE POTENTIAL...
TO SPUR INTO MOTION SOME EXTRAORDINARY REALITY WHICH WOULD BE BEYOND THE IMAGINATION OF EVEN US MAZOKU
THIS IS A PLACE WHERE THE LAWS OF ANOTHER WORD HAVE CONVERGED WITH OUR OWN.
HOWEVER, THIS ISLAND IS THE EXACT POINT OF INTERSECTION BETWEEN OUR OWN STAFF AND ANOTHER.

.....WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO GET ME TO DO THIS TIME?
OF COURSE, THAT WOULD MEAN THIS ISN'T SOME CHANCE REUNION, EITHER.
I SEE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING... AND I'LL BET YOU GUYS ARE GETTING ALL STIRRED UP OVER THAT, ALRIGHT.
I'M AFRAID...
THAT'S A SECRET
.....I'M SURE WE WILL BE MEETING AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE, OF COURSE.
NOW THEN, AS I ONLY CAME TO GIVE YOU MY REGARDS, I'LL BE EXCUSING MYSELF FOR THE EVENING.
!?
SO FAST...!

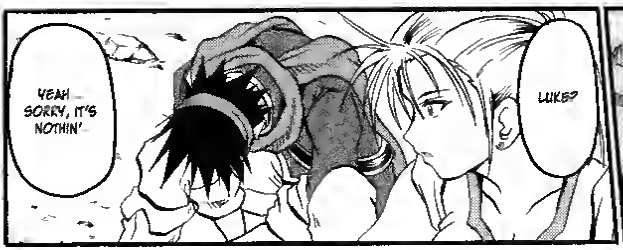
IT WAS A PLEASURE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.
TELL ME, HOW FARES YOUR "ROOMMATE?"

.....!?

AAH- JEEZE. I'LL BET THIS WHOLE THING'S GOING TO TURN INTO ONE HECK OF A HEADACHE.
WELL, THAT CONFIRMS THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING UP WITH THE VILLAGE - HE WOULDN'T BE SNEAKING AROUND IF THERE WASN'T

I'LL REINTRODUCE YOU ONCE THINGS COOL DOWN A BIT, SO DON'T GET YOUR PANTIES IN A BUNCH.
OH, THAT? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. THAT GUY GETS A REAL KICK OUT OF CONFUSING PEOPLE.
H-HEY, LINA...

I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE HELL THEY CAN MANAGE TO GET ANY REST AFTER THAT TENSE ATMO-SPHERE.....
I'LL SHOW YOU, YA CHEEKY LIL'...
AH...


LUKE?
YEAH... SORRY, IT'S NOTHIN'.

IT'S LIKE THEY COMPLETELY SWITCH OFF WHENEVER THEY THINK IT'S TIME TO SLEEP, ISN'T IT?
FRANKLY, I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT MYSELF.

THAT SON OF A BITCH... WAS HE JUST BLUFFING? OR...
DID HE ALREADY KNOW ABOUT ME... AND HIM...?

.....

...AS I FEARED.
I MUST "REWRITE" IT ALL...
DON'T WORRY, EVERYTHING WILL BE ALRIGHT. THE SAME MORNING YOU ALWAYS SEE WILL GREET YOU ONCE YOU OPEN YOUR EYES,
SO FOR NOW, JUST REST IN PEACE.
HSP
HSP
INDEED... THE SAME MORNING WILL GREET YOU ONCE MORE,
THE DAY WILL BREAK THE SAME AS ALWAYS... AND THE DAY WHICH ISN'T TOMORROW WILL BEGIN ANEW.

FWOOM!
!?
I... I JUST FELT A TERRIFYINGLY STRONG POWER.
NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT... SOMETHING'S ENVELOPED THE ENTIRE ISLAND...!
SWAH...!
LUKE!?
IT... IT'S NOTHIN'.
JUST STOOD UP TOO FAST...
THIS NAUSEATING WEIGHT IN BOTH MY HEAD AND BODY...
H-HE'S...

BUT ..... WHY HERE OF ALL PLACES? WHY NOW?
THAT WAS "HIM" REACTING, ALRIGHT...

LET'S GO CHECK ON IT AS SOON AS THE SUN COMES UP.
I WANT TO SEE IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO THE VILLAGE.

YEAH . AND WHO-EVER IT IS, HE'S USING HIS POWER TO RUN THIS ENTIRE ISLAND.
WHOEVER ACTIVATED THAT FORCE MUST BE SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY, I'M SURE OF IT.

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING –
V–

TH.. THE SIGNS OF YESTERDAY'S ATTACK.....
THEY'VE COMPLETELY VANISHED, LIKE IT NEVER EVEN HAPPENEND...
THEY MUST HAVE ONE HELL OF A REPAIR TEAM ON HAND..... HAH, LIKE HELL!
SEE? WHAT'D I TELL YOU? THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING FISHY GOING ON HERE!

HMM? OH, YOU'RE ALL UP EARLY.
OUT TO TAKE A MORNING HIKE IN THE MOUNTAINS? SURE IS PERFECT WEATHER FOR IT
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO FIX YOU A LUNCH TO TAKE WITH YOU? LET ME FINISH UP HERE AND I'LL WHIP ONE RIGHT UP...
E-EXCUSE ME, BUT ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU WENT THROUGH SUCH A TERRIBLE ORDEAL YESTERDAY...
. BEG YOUR PARDON?
LOOK, REMEMBER HER!? THERE'S NO WAY YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN!
THIS CHICK WITH THE COW UDDERS FOR TITS! DON'T YOU REMEMBER HER PUTTING YOU GUYS THROUGH HELL AND BACK YESTERDAY?!
HEEK!

OH, IS SHE ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS? GOSH, I'M SORRY! I GUESS I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO MEET YOU YESTERDAY...
BUT I CAN BET YOU'LL ATTRACT EVEN MORE CUSTOMERS!

STRANGE... IT'S LIKE THE ATTACK ITSELF...
NEVER EVEN TOOK PLACE TO BEGIN WITH...?

SWOOM
IN THAT CASE, LET'S PICK THINGS UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF YESTERDAY!

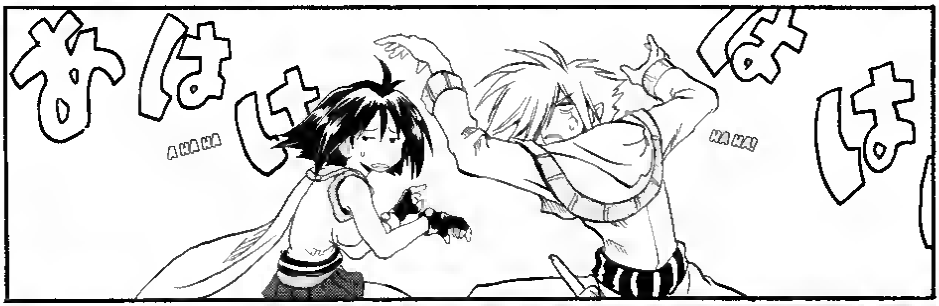
OH, I GET IT. IT'S ALL JUST AS YOU SAID, NOA.
THESE GUYS CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, MUCH LESS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

AL-RIGHT...
LIFT

H-HEY, LINA, CUT IT OUT!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY!
I'M GONNA LIGHT SOME FIREWORKS THAT'LL BLOW YESTERDAY'S OUT OF THE WATER - AND THEY SURE AS HELL WON'T BE DROWSY BY THE TIME I GET THROUGH WITH 'EM!
THE BEST WAY TO CURE A CASE OF MEMORY LOSS IS THROUGH SHOCK TREATMENT!
FIRE-BALL!
I'LL BLAST 'EM AWAKE WITH ONE SHOT!

POOF
O-OY, LINA! WOULD YOU QUIT WITH THE GAMES ALREADY!?
I'M NOT PLAYING GAMES! LOOK, SEE FOR YOURSELVES!
EEEEH~ ~~~~!?
ASTRAL LANCE!
MONO VOLT!
!
ELME-KIA LANCE!
WIND GRID!

I-IS THAT SOME KIND OF RAIN DANCE?
LAUGH


AHA HA
HA HA

AHH, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO BE LOOKING FOR A VOCALIST AND BACK-UP ENSEMBLE, WOULD YOU?
MY, MY, YOU ALL SEEM TO BE HAVING A GRAND OL' TIME.
UHRGH- SORRY, BUT NOW REALLY ISN'T THE BEST TIME!
HRGH...

ARE YOU SURE? I KNOW A PIECE WHICH WOULD BE PERFECT FOR YOU!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
LIKE-I-SAID, WE'RE KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING RIGHT NOW!

O...OUR MAGIC...
WON'T ACTIVATE!?

THEY'RE PRETTY, AREN'T THEY? I'M SURE YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO ADMIRE THEM YESTERDAY, WHAT WITH THE FLAMES AND SMOKE HIDING THEM
NOT EVEN IF IT WERE A SONG PRAISING THE BEAUTY OF THESE FLOWERS?
REALLY... I'M SURE IT'S A MASTERPIECE
IN THAT CASE, COULD WE TROUBLE YOU FOR A SONG?
<< CHAPTER 2, END >>

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THE HOURGLASS OF FALCES

CHAPTER 02 AH ILLUSION? THE DARKNESS OF DOUBT WITHIN THE CITY IS BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

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Sorry about the delay! Heck, just look at the massive amount of text in this chapter and you'll see part of the reason. That, and it was a bitch to edit. Gave our editors a round of applause! And thanks to Molly for making my script NOT suck, lol. Also huge amounts of raha-raha for Dizzy, who marks her first release with us in this title. She did a great job, RIGHT GUYS?

Oh, and this is Turtle Paradise's 150th release. GO US!!

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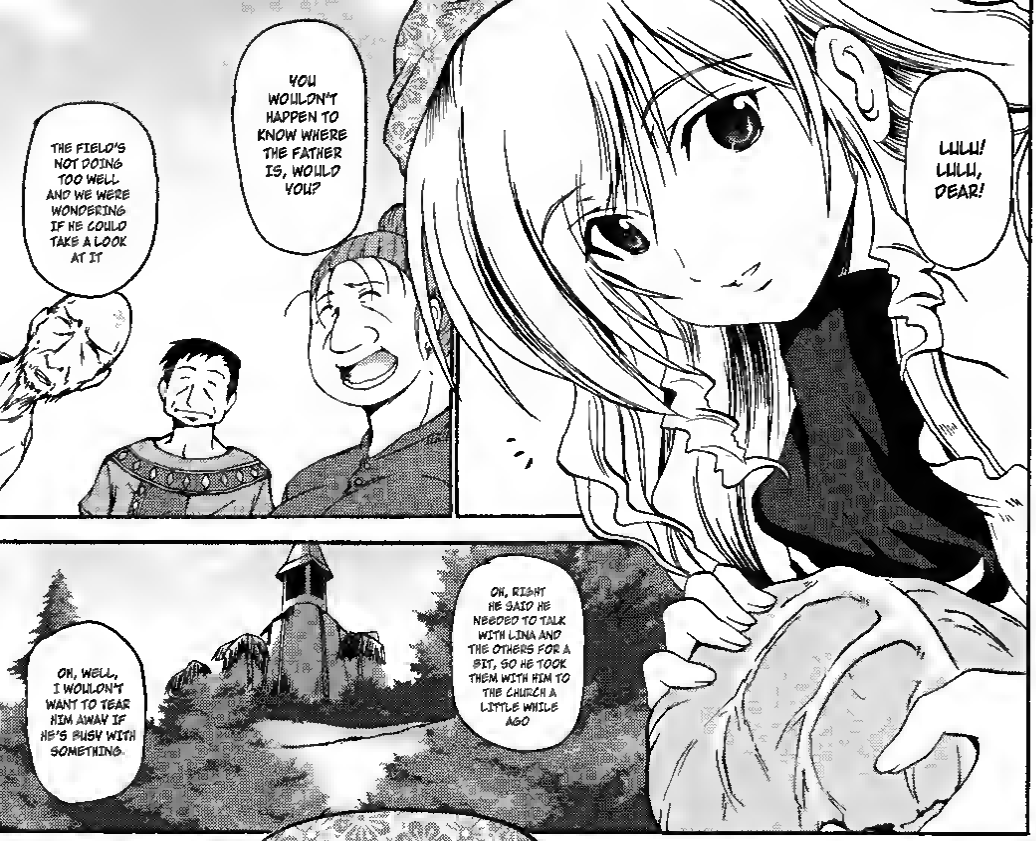

LULU! LULU, DEAR!
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE THE FATHER IS, WOULD YOU?
THE FIELD'S NOT DOING TOO WELL AND WE WERE WONDERING IF HE COULD TAKE A LOOK AT IT
OH, RIGHT HE SAID HE NEEDED TO TALK WITH LINA AND THE OTHERS FOR A BIT, SO HE TOOK THEM WITH HIM TO THE CHURCH A LITTLE WHILE AGO
OH, WELL, I WOULDN'T WANT TO TEAR HIM AWAY IF HE'S BUSY WITH SOMETHING.

I'M SURE HE HAS PLENTY HE'D LIKE TO TALK WITH THEM ABOUT, SEEING AS THEY'RE OUTSIDERS AND ALL.
IT SURE WOULD BE NICE IF THEY SETTLED DOWN HERE LIKE YOU DID, LULU-CHAN.
I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT WITH THEM
I'M SURE THEY'LL BE OUR FRIENDS IN NO TIME.

03 REQUIEM, ASSEMBLED SERENADE

BUT I FIND A MORE GRANDIOSE PRODUCTION IS MORE TO MY LIKING
I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME,
I KIND OF HAD MY HOPES SET ON SOMETHING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF A RECITAL.
AFTER ALL,
THEY'RE ALL TRULY GOOD PEOPLE.

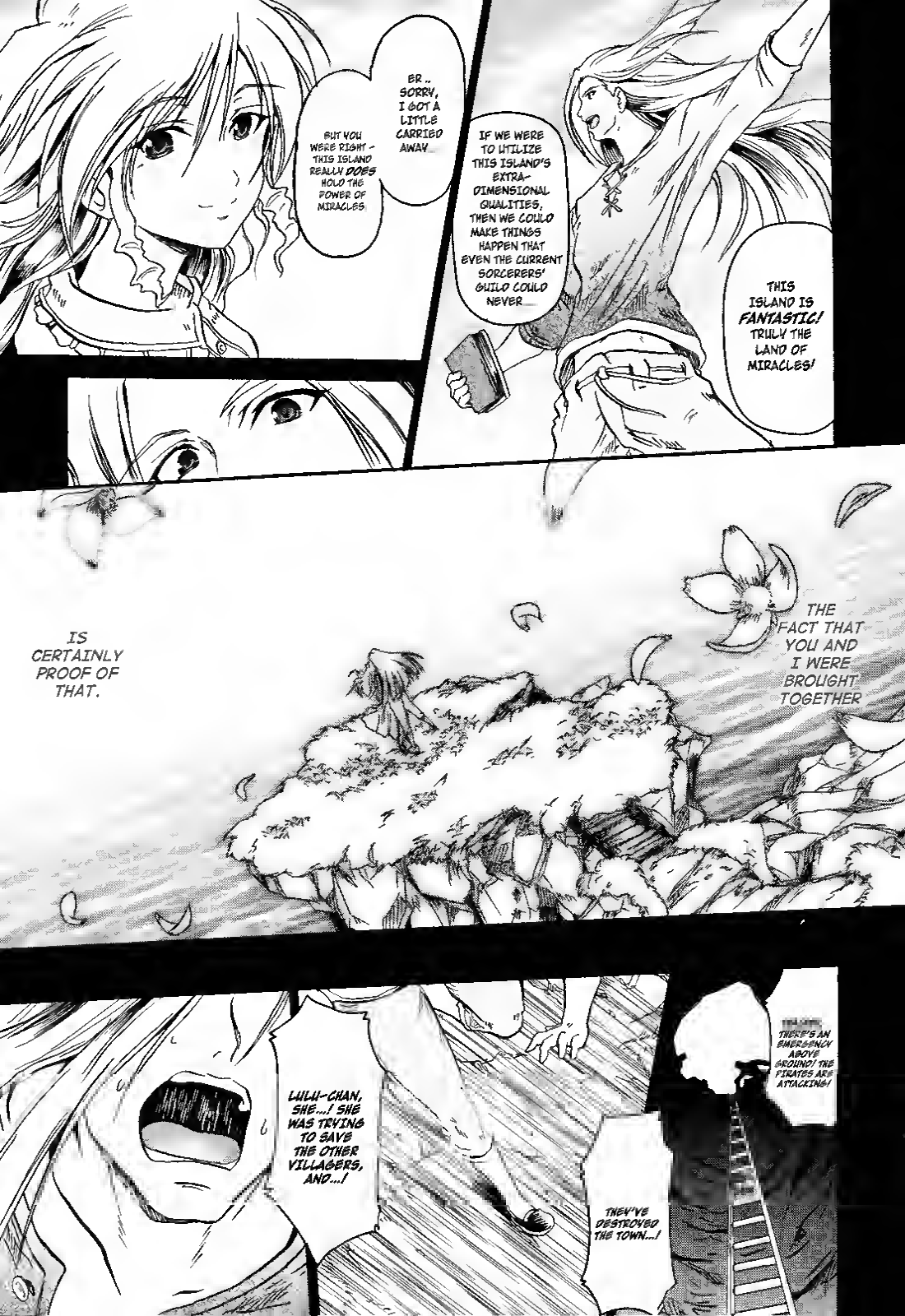
THIS JOKE'S GONE WAY TOO FAR...
HEY... WH-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I'M NOT SURE IF I'LL BE ABLE TO FEND THEM OFF AND STILL PROTECT BOTH LINA AND NOA...
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD... UNLIKE THOSE THUGS FROM LAST NIGHT, I CAN'T SEE ANY OBVIOUS WEAKNESS IN THESE GUYS.
BIG SIS MIVA AND AUNTIE DORA, THEY'RE ALL...
GRANDPA GIL AND GRANNY LANA!
BUT THEY WERE ALL DOWN IN THE VILLAGE, HEALTHY AS I EVER SEEN 'EM! THEY WERE ALL ALIVE!
WHY THE HELL DO THESE GRAVESTONES HAVE THEIR NAMES ON THEM!? I KNOW THEY DON'T REMEMBER ME,

SLIDE
GOD-DAMMIT
...!
WHIP
NO WAY IN HELL AM I GONNA LET YOU SCREW UP OUR LIVES ANYMORE THAN THIS!
I KNEW IT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MESSED UP THE VILLAGE, AREN'T YOU!?
YANK
NGYA!?
YOU-YOU IDIOT! DON'T MOVE...!

BEEP ~!
THUD
I'D ASSUMED THEY WERE USING SOME ANTI-MAGIC SPELL LIKE FLOW BREAK, BUT WAS I WRONG...?
EVEN THOUGH OUR MAGIC WON'T ACTIVATE AT ALL...
HOW ARE THEY THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN USE THEIR MAGIC!?
WAS THAT A "BRAM FANG" TCH BULLET...!?
THEY ARE, INDEED, ALIVE.
YOU ARE CORRECT.

!?
AS YOU SAY, THE VILLAGERS ARE LIVING THEIR LIVES, HAPPILY AND HEALTHILY-
AND THAT IS AS THE WORLD OUGHT TO BE! WE HAVE NO NEED FOR ANY OTHER REALITY WHICH MAY EXIST CONTRARY TO IT!
AND NOW

WE REMAIN WITHIN THE CAPTURED TRANQUILITY OF DAYS LONG PAST...
Hey stick with me!
Can you hear me? Wake up!
Am I in Heaven?
An Angel?
THERE'S NO SUCH DIVINE SAVIOR FOR THE CORRUPT SYSTEM OF THE SORCERERS' GUILD
A GOD OF SALVATION, EH...?
so maybe it's more like there's a god of salvation watching over this island!
Oh, but the truth is, I washed ashore here just like you when I got into a shipwreck about a year ago
You're lucky you were swept here and not off to sea!
You know Mr Scholar, there aren't any other islands in this area aside from this one


THIS ISLAND IS FANTASTIC! TRULY THE LAND OF MIRACLES!
IF WE WERE TO UTILIZE THIS ISLAND'S EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL QUALITIES, THEN WE COULD MAKE THINGS HAPPEN THAT EVEN THE CURRENT SORCERERS' GUILD COULD NEVER—
ER.. SORRY, I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY—
BUT YOU WERE RIGHT - THIS ISLAND REALLY DOES HOLD THE POWER OF MIRACLES.
THE FACT THAT YOU AND I WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER
IS CERTAINLY PROOF OF THAT.
THERE'S AN EMERGENCY ABOVE GROUND! THE PIRATES ARE ATTACKING!
THEY'VE DESTROYED THE TOWN...!
LULU-CHAN, SHE...! SHE WAS TRYING TO SAVE THE OTHER VILLAGERS, AND...!

I WON'T STAND FOR IT... I CANNOT STAND FOR IT...!
THIS... THIS CAN'T BE WHAT FATE HAD IN STORE FOR US!
IT'S ALL WRONG! IT'S TWISTED, WARPED, AND DISTORTED!
I MUST CORRECT IT.../ I WILL RESHAPE THIS WORLD THE WAY IT OUGHT TO BE...!

MADE RIGHT BY MYSELF... NO, BY THIS ISLAND ITSELF!
HER FATE, CRUELLY WARPED BY THE INACTION OF AN INEPT AND LAZY GOD,
WHERE NO ONE IS ROBBED OF ANYTHING,
A WORLD WHERE NOTHING IS LOST,
A WORLD WHERE HER SMILE
WILL BE PRESERVED FOR ALL OF ETERNITY!

BECAUSE MANIPULATING THE FORCES OF LIFE AND DEATH GOES AGAINST EVERY CONVENTION OF SORCERY.
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT CAN BE EVEN REMOTELY POSSIBLE...
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE IN A SEPARATE WORLD, EITHER... THIS PLACE IS UNMISTAKABLY REAL.
LULU-SAN'S DEAD!? BUT THIS WORLD DEFINITELY ISN'T AN ILLUSION...
TO SPUR INTO MOTION SOME EXTRAORDINARY REALITY WHICH WOULD BE BEYOND THE IMAGINATION OF EVEN US MAZOKU.
IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THIS ISLAND HOLDS THE POTENTIAL...
HAS THE ABILITY TO GIVE RISE TO PHENOMENON WHICH CONTRADICTS REALITY...?
DOES THAT MEAN THIS ISLAND, THE POINT WHERE TWO WORLDS IN THE SEA OF CHAOS COLLIDE..
AND RESHAPED IT INTO THE ONE HE DESIRED, ALL FOR HER...?
HE TWISTED THE LAWS OF REALITY... OF THIS WORLD...

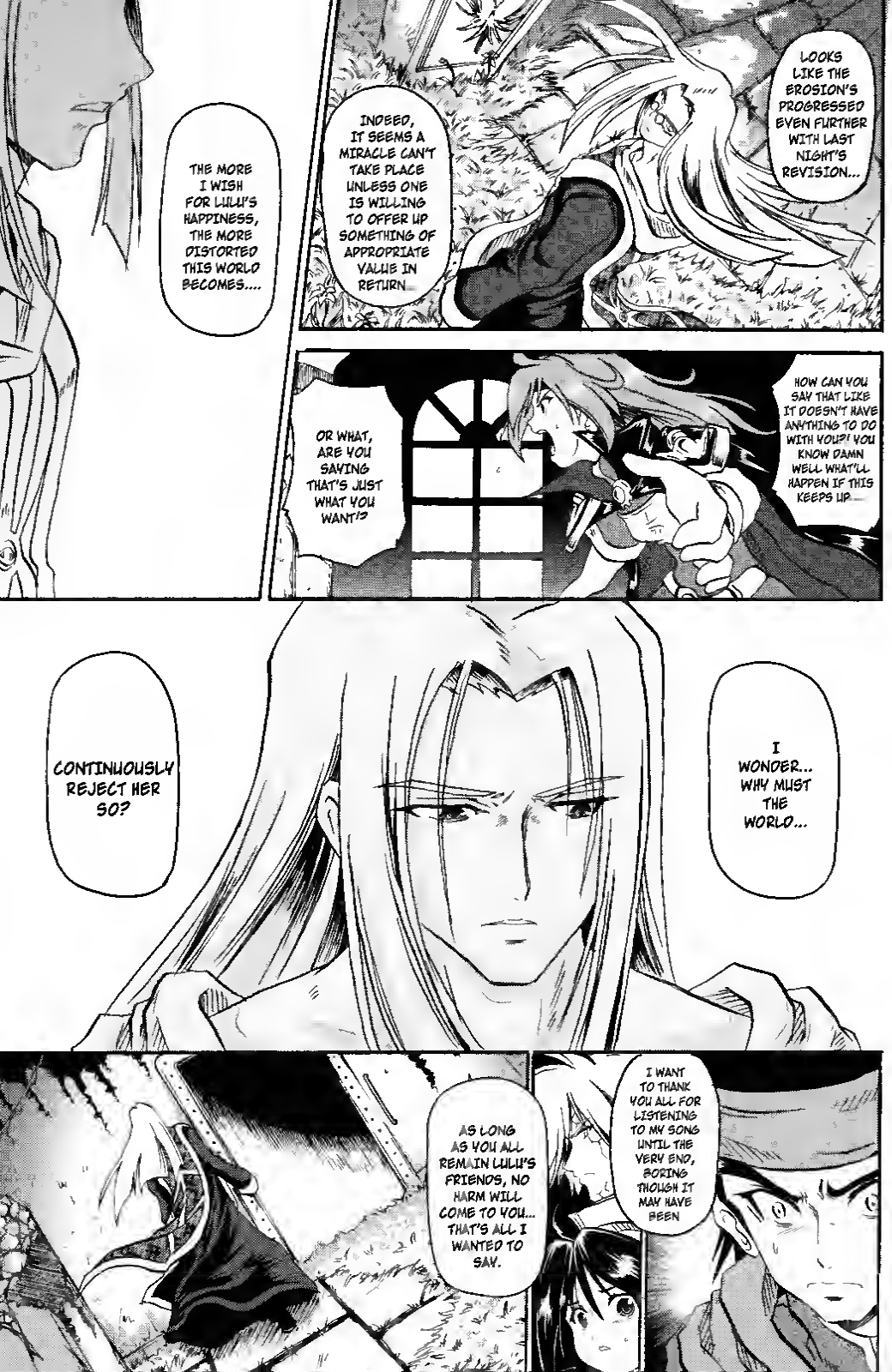
!?
AND IN ALL HONESTY, YOUR DOUBTS AND YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING THIS.. THEY'RE ALL VERY WELL FOUNDED, AND MOST LIKELY CORRECT
AS A FELLOW SORCERER OF NO LITTLE SKILL, I'M SURE YOU'RE WELL AWARE OF THE CONTRADICTIONS THIS WORLD HOLDS WITH CONVENTIONAL SORCEROUS WISDOM
IT'S ALL IT CAN DO TO TRAP THE SANDS OF THIS REBORN WORLD INTO AN HOURGLASS AND REPEAT THEM, OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
YOU SEE, THE POWER OF CHAOS BORN UNTO THIS LAND IS NOT NEARLY ENOUGH TO FULLY REPAINT THE WORLD.
IN PARTICULAR, THE PASSING OF TIME IN THE REAL WORLD AS WELL AS THE CHANGES IT REFLECTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREATEST TREMORS.
THEREFORE, EVEN THE SLIGHTEST BIT OF TURBULENCE INSIDE THE HOURGLASS YIELDS MASSIVE REVERBERATIONS THROUGHOUT ITS WHOLE.

SHE SPOKE TO THE VILLAGERS OF THEIR PASTS, DIGGING UP THE ANCIENT SCARS BURIED DEEP WITHIN THEIR MEMORIES...
N...
SHIVER
BUT THIS WASN'T JUST ANY SAILOR...
ONE WRONG MOVE AND NOW SAN WILL BE-
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE CURRENT DRAGGED ANOTHER HAPLESS DRIFTER ON THE OPEN SEA WITHIN ITS CURRENT.
DRAT THERE'S JUST TOO MANY OF THEM!
THE STRONG CURRENTS SURROUNDING THE ISLAND WORKED WELL AS A BARRIER TO THAT END, PREVENTING OUR NEIGHBORS FROM REACHING OUR SHORES,
CLUTCH
TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, SHE DISGUISED HERSELF AS A PIRATE OF ALL THINGS, TARGETING THIS WORLD'S WEAKEST POINT! THE MOST FRAGILE AREA OF THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM!
Eep!!
N...
chatter
chatter
YET YOU HAVEN'T EVEN THE SLIGHTEST IDEA HOW UNWANTED YOU ARE HERE!?
S-SOMEBODY, HE... UP...
N... NO... I DON'T WANNA DIE...!

I'D INTENDED TO ONLY EXPLAIN HOW THIS ISLAND CAME TO BE, BUT I'M AFRAID I LET MY EMOTIONS GET THE BETTER OF ME IN THE PROCESS...
MY APOLOGIES.
I'D SENT MY TROOPS TO BRING THE GIRL TO ME, BUT, REGRETTABLY, SHE REGISTERED AS A THREAT TO THE ISLAND, AND YOU KNOW THE STORY FROM THERE
YOUR VISIT BY THAT GANG LAST NIGHT WAS ANOTHER MANIFESTATION OF MY ILL TEMPER THAT EVENING
AND CONSIDER STAYING HERE AND JOINING THE VILLAGERS AS MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY, NO STRINGS ATTACHED
I REALIZE THIS MAY NOT BE A SOLUTION, BUT... I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD THINK ABOUT THIS FROM A REALISTIC STANDPOINT AS AN UNHAPPY ACCIDENT
AS A RULE, I CANNOT ALLOW ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ISLAND TO LEAVE THIS PLACE...
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A...
OH, REALLY I GET IT, NOW
HOWEVER, AS LULU HAS COME TO ACCEPT YOU ALL AS HER FRIENDS, I WISH FOR NO HARM TO COME TO YOU

IT APPEARS I'VE MADE A MISCALCULATION...
TO THINK EVEN A TRUE CALAMITY MANAGED TO SLIP INSIDE.
AN EXTRAORDINARILY SELF-CENTERED LINE OF REASONING, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
THE WAY YOU DESCRIBE IT, ONE MIGHT BE LED TO BELIEVE NO HARM WOULD COME OF ALLOWING THIS WORLD TO RUN ITS COURSE,
HOWEVER, THE LAWS OF OUR WORLD AREN'T SO INSIGNIFICANT THAT ONE MAY SAFELY TRIFLE WITH THEM AND HOPE FOR NO ILL TO COME OF IT.

EVEN NOW, THE POWER OF CHAOS SPILLS FORTH FROM THIS ISLAND, FILLED WELL BEYOND ITS CAPACITY.
DEVOURING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE STAVES WHICH STAND ALONGSIDE IT.


LOOKS LIKE THE EROSION'S PROGRESSED EVEN FURTHER WITH LAST NIGHT'S REVISION...
INDEED, IT SEEMS A MIRACLE CAN'T TAKE PLACE UNLESS ONE IS WILLING TO OFFER UP SOMETHING OF APPROPRIATE VALUE IN RETURN...
THE MORE I WISH FOR LULU'S HAPPINESS, THE MORE DISTORTED THIS WORLD BECOMES....
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT LIKE IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU?! YOU KNOW DAMN WELL WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF THIS KEEPS UP—
OR WHAT, ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S JUST WHAT YOU WANT!?
I WONDER... WHY MUST THE WORLD...
CONTINUOUSLY REJECT HER SO?
I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR LISTENING TO MY SONG UNTIL THE VERY END, BORING THOUGH IT MAY HAVE BEEN
AS LONG AS YOU ALL REMAIN LULU'S FRIENDS, NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU... THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

I'VE DONE NOTHIN' BUT CRY LIKE A LITTLE BABY 'N DRAG DOWN THE PEOPLE WHO WERE TRYIN' TO HELP ME... 'N... ON TOP OF THAT, I... I'M THE ONE WHO...
I ONLY LEFT THE VILLAGE 'CAUSE I WANTED TO FIND HELP FOR THE OTHER VILLAGERS, BUT I SHOULDN'T HAVE EVEN BOTHERED FOR ALL THE GOOD IT DID...
I'M SUCH A LITTLE RAT..
PAT.
IT'S JUST A BUNCH OF TALK. DON'T LET IT GET YOU DOWN.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU ALONE WERE THE ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHANGING ANYTHING.
YOU AREN'T GOING AFTER HIM?
HE MAY VERY WELL BE PUTTING THE WORLD IN DANGER, YOU KNOW
...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO GET AT?
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT WASN'T HER FAULT!?
THAT'S KIND OF WHAT I WAS TRYING TO GET AT...
WAAAh
YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO WANT THE WORLD DESTROYED.
AH- BUT "DESTRUCTION" AND "DISTORTION" ARE TWO ENTIRELY DIFFERENT THINGS.

OKAY, FINE, BUT WHAT'S GOT YOU IN SUCH A TIZZY?
ANY OTHER TIME YOU'D BE DANCING AROUND THE SUBJECT WITH YOUR STUPID RIDDLES, BUT THIS TIME YOU'VE BEEN STRAIGHT WITH US FROM THE GET-GO. WHAT GIVES?
I CAN'T SEE HOW ANYTHING DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR KIND WOULD COME OF THIS SITUATION IF YOU JUST SHUT UP AND DIDN'T INVOLVE YOURSELVES-
OR DOES THE HEAD HONCHO THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING OF VALUE HERE FOR THE TAKING AND YOU'RE HERE ON SPECIAL ORDERS TO SNATCH IT?
THAT'S A SE-
FORGET ABOUT THAT, LINA, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO!?
BAM!
A KNOWN CRIMINAL IS RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE, AND YOU HESITATE? HOW VERY UNLIKE YOU.
IT WOULD CERTAINLY SPEED THINGS UP A BIT IF YOU RUSHED IN WITH YOUR FISTS BLAZING AND GAVE HIM A TASTE OF YOUR SPECIALTY JUSTICE, DON'T YOU THINK?
NO KIDDING- FIRST WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S KEEPING US FROM USING OUR MAGIC AND PUT A STOP TO IT ASAP ..
HEY, ABOUT THAT...

ONCE WE BREAK THE MAGIC SPELL
DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS LULU-SAN WILL DIS-APPEAR TOO?
H-HEY
I'M KINDA STUPID WHEN IT COMES TO THINKING ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS, BUT...
THAT'S... REALLY WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN, RIGHT?

I GOT NO CLUE WHAT WE SHOULD DO.
T'BE HONEST, I...
IF THE WOMAN I LOVED WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM ME BY A BUNCH OF BASTARDS WHO HAD NO RIGHT TO BREATHE... I DON'T THINK I'D BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT, EITHER.
I DUNNO HOW TO PUT THIS, BUT... EVERYTHING THAT GUY SAID STRUCK A CHORD INSIDE ME.
THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO SETTLE THIS QUICKLY, WON'T WE?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT'LL MAKE ANY OF IT GO AWAY...
YOU CAN CHALK IT UP TO FATE OR CALL IT AN ACCIDENT, WHATEVER THE HELL YOU WANT... BUT THOSE ARE JUST EXCUSES.

IF WE COULD TROUBLE JUST A FEW ACTORS TO EXIT THE STAGE,
THE DENOUEMENT OF THIS DRAMA WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE TOWARDS ITS CONCLUSION WITHOUT INCIDENT, YOU UNDERSTAND?
HE'S THE ONE WHO— BACK AT THE BEACH!
EVEN THEIR LIVES ARE UNDER HIS CONTROL!?
I GET IT IF THE ENDING'S GOING TO BE REWRITTEN NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO,
THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN MAKING THE CLIMAX A SHOW-STOPPING BLOODBATH, HUH?

KA-BAM!
N'WAAH!?
AND THIS IS WHERE I TAKE MY LEAVE. ♪
WHY YOU LITTLE--!
SWOOSH
THE FATHER IS FAR TOO MERCIFUL FOR HIS OWN GOOD!
IF WE WEREN'T AROUND TO REMOVE THEM, HE COULDN'T EVEN RAISE HIS HAND TO A WORM!
KLANG
WHATEVER [illegible] TO THAT WHOLE SPIEL ABOUT NO HARM COMING TO US!?
CLANG
LINA! TAKE NOA AND GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
SORRY, BUT I DON'T THINK THESE GUYS ARE GONNA GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PROTECT THE BOTH OF YOU!
IT'S NO USE, GOURRY-SAN, WE'LL HAVE TO BACK THEM UP!
A LINA WHO CAN'T USE MAGIC ISN'T MUCH MORE THAN A WALKING, TALKING WASHBOARD!
TSK!
YOU'N ME ARE GONNA HAVE A NICE, LONG CHAT TONIGHT, AMELIA!
SMASH

MILLENA!
AUGH!
CLINK
THE GLORIOUS LIGHT OF OUR PARADISE SHINES EVER BRIGHTER FOR THE DEMONS CORRUPTED BY JEALOUSY AND ENMITY WE DEVOUR!
UNFORTUNATE THOUGH IT MAY BE, WE CHOSEN ONES SIMPLY CANNOT STOOP TO EXIST WITH THOSE OF LOWER BIRTH AS THE FATHER DOES
BUT YOUR WOMAN THERE IS BEHOLDEN OF A BEAUTY BEFITTING OUR PEOPLE, IS SHE NOT?
I'VE A PROPOSITION TO MAKE YOU'VE MADE CLEAR YOUR UNWILLINGNESS TO JOIN US, BUT PERHAPS A HAPPIER FUTURE AWAITS HER THAN THE ONE SHE WOULD SHARE WITH YOU?
YOU SON OF A-!

JUMP
A FINE SENTIMENT COMING FROM ONE WHO CARRIES THE MARK OF A PRIESTESS,
EVEN THOUGH THE VERY NOTION OF A GOD SERVES LITTLE OTHER PURPOSE THAN DISPARAGING THOSE SAME PEOPLE!
SLIDE
TO LOOK DOWN UPON THE VERY PEOPLE THEY WERE SWORN TO PROTECT!
HOW IRONIC IT IS FOR A GROUP OF MEN GATHERED IN THE NAME OF UPHOLDING THE MIRACLE OF SALVATION
AND YOU ALREADY FANCY YOURSELVES TO BE HIS APOSTLES!?
ZOOM
OH WELL, MIGHT AS WELL FOLLOW THROUGH!
OH SHOOT, FORCE OF HABIT!
IDIOT! OUR MAGIC'S STILL...!
AH!
GLINT
VISFARANK!

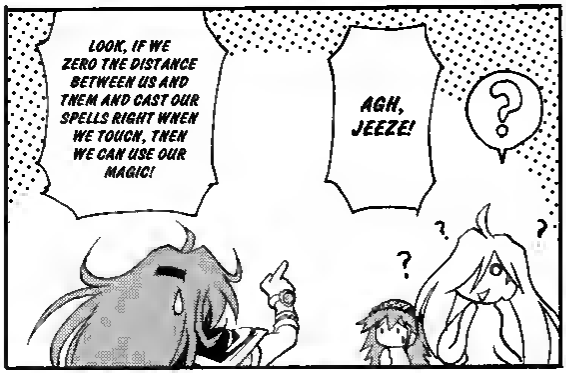
MAYBE....!
KA-BLAM!!

LESSE... TH-THAT'S FUNNY, I THOUGHT FER SURE I PUT 'EM IN HERE...
KUHHAGE
H-HUH?
EH?
JUST DO IT, HURRY!
NOA! YOU STILL HAVE THOSE MAGIC BULLETS, RIGHT? HAND 'EM OVER!
COME ON, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS CRAP! IS THIS IT? OVER HERE!?
N-NOT THE AAH!!
FUMP!
SQUISH
SO NOW YOU'RE BRAGGING, HUH!? THINK JUST BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT SOME KINDA BUILT-IN POCKET YOU'RE BETTER'N ME, IS THAT IT!?
KA-BOOM!
CHARGE
BAM

THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!?
ON IT!
BINGO! ZEL, LUKE!
ZOOM
SLAM
RELAX! NEITHER OF US WERE GRANTED THE HAPPINESS WE DESERVE IN LIFE-
ALL WE MUST DO TO RECTIFY THAT IS EXCHANGE OUR FATES!
YA DON'T SAY.
THEN...
GUARDE
UWEEN

ASTRAL VINE!
RUBY-EYE BLADE!
SO THAT'S HOW WE SHOULD HAVE DIED, HUH?
THANKS FOR TAKIN' OUR PLACE, GUYS.

IT MEANS OUR MAGIC ITSELF WAS NEVER SEALED TO BEGIN WITH.
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT, LINA?


LOOK, IF WE ZERO THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND THEM AND CAST OUR SPELLS RIGHT WHEN WE TOUCH, THEN WE CAN USE OUR MAGIC!
AGH, JEEZE!
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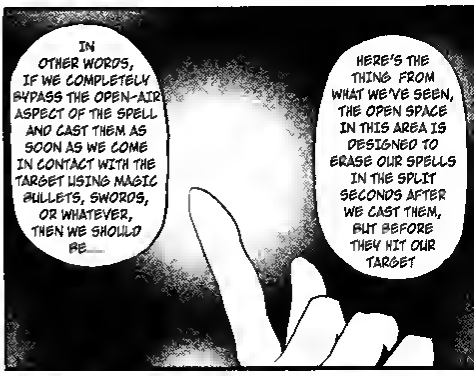

IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE COMPLETELY BYPASS THE OPEN-AIR ASPECT OF THE SPELL AND CAST THEM AS SOON AS WE COME IN CONTACT WITH THE TARGET USING MAGIC BULLETS, SWORDS, OR WHATEVER, THEN WE SHOULD BE—
HERE'S THE THING FROM WHAT WE'VE SEEN, THE OPEN SPACE IN THIS AREA IS DESIGNED TO ERASE OUR SPELLS IN THE SPLIT SECONDS AFTER WE CAST THEM, BUT BEFORE THEY HIT OUR TARGET

THE BURSTS OF MAGIC COULD BE REMINISCENT OF THE VIOLENT CONFLICTS OF THEIR PAST.
IT COULD BE... HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO HIDE WHAT WAS GOING ON IN HERE FROM THE VILLAGERS.

EVEN A COMMON THUG WOULD BE ABLE TO TRADE BLOWS WITH A SORCERER ON EQUAL GROUNDS.
SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT GIVEN CONDITIONS LIKE THOSE,

...IS THAT REALLY ALL?

VWOOP
VWOOP
CRACKLE
A RIFT IN THE BARRIER...? CAUSED BY OUR MAGIC SWORDS, MAYBE?
IT SURE LOOKS THAT WAY... BUT THAT'S WEIRD, YOU GUYS-
THERE'S NO WAY YOU USED ENOUGH MAGIC TO ACTUALLY RIP A HOLE IN THE FABRIC OF SPACE
THEN IT MUST HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY SOME OTHER HUGE FORCE OF MAGIC. BUT THEN....
SO IT WAS...
L-LOOK!
O-OVER THERE! THERE!!

IS THAT... WHAT THE ISLAND'S REALLY SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE...!?
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT IT'S LIKE A LAYER OF THE ALTERNATE REALITY'S BEEN SCRUBBED AWAY
OH... OHHH!
NOTHIN'S CHANGED... NOT ONE THING'S DIFF'RENT!
ALL THOSE TREES! THE MOUNTAIN GOD'S WATCHTOWER! GRAMPS' OLD SMITHY!
THE REAL VIL— LAGE!
THAT'S... THAT'S IT! THAT'S MY...

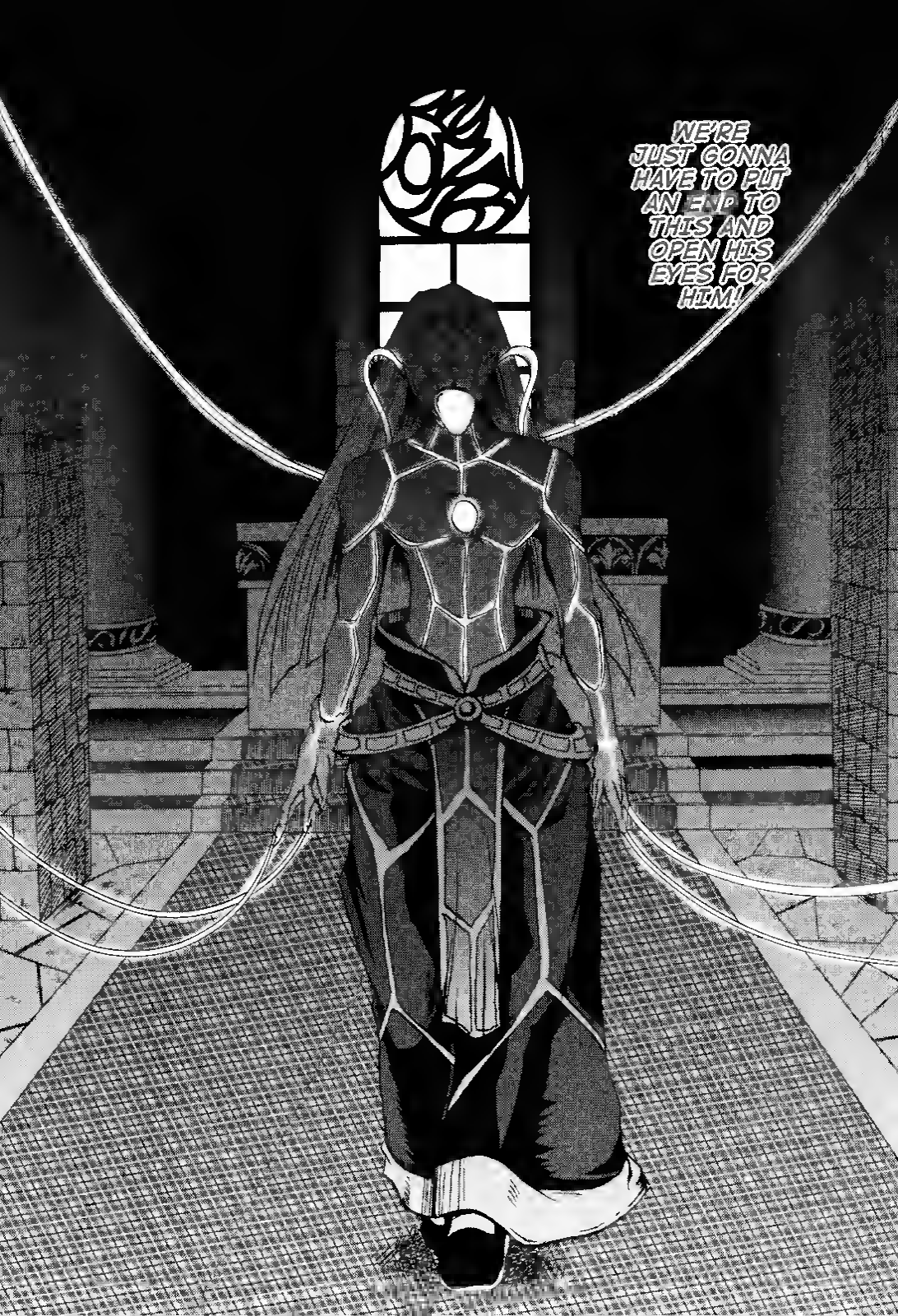
MAYBE THEY'RE BETTER OFF THIS WAY... MAYBE I SHOULD LET 'EM LIVE INSIDE THEIR DREAM WORLD AND JUST WATCH OVER 'EM FROM AFAR...
THEY ALL LOOKED SO... SAD. THAT PRIEST WAS RIGHT... SOMETHIN' TERRIBLE REALLY MUSTA HAPPENED TO ALL OF 'EM...
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE REPAIRED THE FISSURE.
IT'S CLOSED UP...
FIZZ!
AH!
OH...
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S PAINFUL, BITTER, OR SAD— I'D RATHER SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE CRYING WITH THEM THAN BEING HAPPY ALL BY MYSELF...
BUT... BUT I STILL WANT TO GO BACK TO MY REAL HOME... MY REAL FAMILY— I MISS THEM ALL SO MUCH!
BUT THE FEELING OF NOT WANTING TO LOSE SOMEONE ISN'T EXCLUSIVE TO JUST ONE PERSON— HELP HIM. LET HIM KNOW.
IN MY OPINION, RANZAM ONLY STARTED ALL OF THIS OUT OF KINDNESS, AND I THINK THE SAME CAN BE SAID OF YOU, FOR EMPATHIZING SO DEEPLY WITH HIS ACTIONS
....LUKE.

WHAT'S IMPOR-TANT TO YOU.
GO TELL HIM
...HEH.
MIGHT AS WELL GRAB 'EM BY THE EAR AND SING HIM OUR LOVE SONG.
GUESS I GOTTA PAY HIM BACK FOR THAT SONG ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, HUH?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU MEAN.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
...LOOKS LIKE YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE TO TAKE THIS ALL ON YOUR OWN AFTER ALL, HUH?

ALRIGHT.
SHUFFLE
MILLENA!
ALRIGHT, LET'S GET A MOVE ON
PAFF!
FWOOSH
WHAT'RE THOSE?
MAGIC GEMS THEY'RE JEWELS ENCHANTED WITH SORCERY, BUT YOU COULD JUST AS WELL CALL THEM DISPOSABLE MAGIC BOMBS
THEY'RE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON LINA HAS IN HER ARSENAL AT THE MOMENT.
USE 'EM.
!
I MADE THOSE FOR MILLENA'S PROTECTION, BUT THIS IS KIND OF AN EMERGENCY.
YOU KNOW HOW TO USE 'EM, RIGHT? HIDE BEHIND THE BIG GUY'S BACK OR WHATEVER AND CHUCK 'EM AROUND WHENEVER YOU FIND AN OPENING

I'LL JUST BILL YOU FOR THE ONES YOU USE UP, ANYWAY.
OH, AND I HOPE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BILL FOR THAT SHIP YOU DESTROYED EARLIER, TOO.
AAAH!
LINA'S DOWN! SHE'S FOAMING AT THE MOUTH!
I'M EXPECTIN' EVERY LAST ONE OF THOSE SUCKERS YOU DON'T USE BACK WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE, GOT IT?
AND DON'T STEAL 'EM!
REQUIRES AN EXPENDITURE OF MORE MAGIC ENERGY THAN JUST ANYONE'S CAPABLE OF, NOT TO MENTION THE SHEER AMOUNT OF SKILL AND TIME INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS...
HE MADE THEM...? BUT REFINING MAGIC STONES...
GLK
WHO IS THIS GUY, REALLY...?
THOSE GEMS... HE GAVE THOSE TO YOU TO KEEP YOU SAFE, RIGHT?
WHEN A BOY GIVES A GIRL FANCY JEWELS LIKE THAT, WELL... UM... THAT MEANS...Y-Y'KNOW?
HEY, IS THAT REALLY OKAY WITH YOU?

HEH...
IT'S ALRIGHT. HE'S ALREADY GIVEN ME SOMETHING MUCH MORE PRECIOUS THAN THAT.
THAT ONE TREASURE NOTHING CAN EVER REPLACE...
YES... EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING DEAR TO THEM.
CAN'T BE TAKEN BACK FROM ANYONE.
THAT'S WHY A TREASURE LOST FROM THIS WORLD...


WE'RE JUST GONNA HAVE TO PUT AN END TO THIS AND OPEN HIS EYES FOR HIM!

NEO SLAYERS:
THE HOURGLASS OF FALCES
CHAPTER 03: REQUIEM, ASSEMBLED SERENADE

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Once again, a totally inexcusable release rate from us at Falces. =\ Sorry, guys! There were some hiccups in the script that I needed time to straighten out, and, well, seems it took a bit longer than I expected. (Not to mention as one wanted to typeset ill "selfies" So sad!)

BUT! At any rate, we hope you enjoy this new chapter, and look forward to more in a (hopefully) more timely manner!

-Rob

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TRANSLATION: REEMASTU
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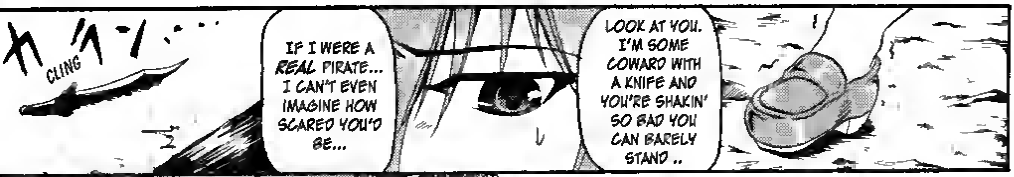
QC: MELFRA + CLOVER

Aa aa hi!!
I...IF YOU'RE GOING TO STAB ANYONE, THEN JUST TAKE ME AND GO, PLEASE!
PLEASE, SPARE THE OTHER VILLAGERS!
HOW COULD YOU...!? WEREN'T YOU ONE OF LINA-SAN'S FRIENDS!?

04 THE TRANSIENT SANDS OF TIME FLUTTERING IN THE SUN'S DYING LIGHT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IF I WERE A *REAL* PIRATE... I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW SCARED YOU'D BE...
LOOK AT YOU. I'M SOME COWARD WITH A KNIFE AND YOU'RE SHAKIN' SO BAD YOU CAN BARELY STAND ..

I ALWAYS WANTED TO THINK YOU WERE THE REASON THE VILLAGE WOUND UP THIS WAY...
BUT NOW I SEE... NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU COME BACK TO LIFE...
YOU'D GIVE YOURSELF UP TO SAVE THE OTHER VILLAGERS AGAIN AND AGAIN, WOULDN'T YOU...?
YOU'RE JUST A GOOD PERSON... YOU REALLY ARE..

I'M SORRY ...
I'M SO, SO SORRY ...
SMASH
SMASH
SHE WAS MADE TO SELL HER BODY SINCE SHE WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A CHILD.
PASSED FROM HAND TO HAND AS SHE WAS USED AS A TOOL FOR THEIR OWN DEPRAVITY!
SMASH
YET AFTER ALL SHE WENT THROUGH, SHE NEVER ONCE FORGOT HOW TO LOVE OTHERS!

JUDGING BY THE FLASH OF LIGHT AT THE LEADING TIP... AND THE SIZE OF THE FLARE, THIS ONE MUST BE...
DIGGER VOLT!
THAT BLUISH-WHITE FLAME...
BURST FLARE!
CLINK
YET WHY DOES THE WORLD REFUSE TO GIVE HER THE LOVE SHE DESERVES!?
CRACKLE
WAM!
CHING
CRACKLE

I JUST HAVE TO USE THE VISUAL PATTERNS OF HIS SPELLS TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONES HE'S USING RIGHT BEFORE THEY HIT THEIR TARGET.
BUT I HAVE MAGIC BULLETS AT MY DISPOSAL... I CAN FIRE THOSE OFF IN RAPID SUCCESSION WITHOUT HAVING TO USE INCANTATIONS!
OR... HE USES THEM TO TRIGGER THE DEFENSIVE SPELLS EMBEDDED IN THE FLOOR AND WALLS...
HIS TENTACLES ARE IMBUED WITH MAGIC AT THE TIP, CREATING HIS OWN SPIN ON A MAGIC BULLET... EITHER HE USES THEM TO LAUNCH A DIRECT ATTACK AGAINST US...
CHING
SHING
BAM
IF I CAN'T USE MY OWN MAGIC, THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME OTHER PLAN TO MAKE DUE IN THE MEANTIME!
AND THEN CHUCK THE CORRESPONDING MAGIC GEMS AT HIS SPELLS TO CANCEL THEM BOTH OUT! I'LL LEAVE THE ATTACKING TO GOLIRRY AND THE OTHERS!
TSK ...!

I'M SURE THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF CURSE ON LULU'S LIFE-
MUCH LIKE THOSE MAGIC GEMS YOU SO CARELESSLY THROW AWAY!
!?
IF YOU'D SIMPLY ALLOWED THEM TO STAY AS BEAUTIFUL, UNTARNISHED JEWELS, THEY COULD HAVE SHONE BRILLIANTLY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!
BUT YOU'VE CURSED THEM WITH MAGIC! DOOMED THEM TO A FUTURE OF INEVITABLE DESTRUCTION AS WEAPONS!
HEY, I SEE WHERE YOU'RE COMIN' FROM. TRUTH IS,, I DON'T MUCH LIKE MAKING THESE THINGS MYSELF--
YOU'RE DOING THE SAME DAMN THING RIGHT NOW!
IT'S LIKE PLAYING WITH SOME-BODY'S LIFE JUST TO SUIT YOUR OWN MEANS!
THEN OPEN YOUR EYES, ALREADY!

KLANG!
GO ON AHEAD, LINA!
MILLENA AND I CAN TAKE THIS GUY ON OUR OWN!
THIS ISN'T THE PRIEST- IT'S JUST ONE OF HIS PUPPETS!
THE REAL GUY'S GOTTA BE SOMEWHERE CLOSER TO THE SPELL'S CORE!
YEAH, I GOTCHA. THERE'S BEEN AN OVERT PRESENCE HANGING AROUND FOR A WHILE...
AND THERE IT IS!
SHATTER

THEY WILL LIVE ON FOR ALL OF ETERNITY!
I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT EITHER BODY YOU ENCOUNTER IS A PERFECT BISECTION OF MY WHOLE
UNLESS BOTH OF THESE BODIES ARE DESTROYED AT THE EXACT SAME INSTANT.

FATHER... RANZAM-SAN,
I... I REFUSE TO BELIEVE YOU ARE A TRULY EVIL PERSON!
WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE FAMILIES TEAR EACH OTHER APART, MINDLESSLY KILLING ONE ANOTHER OUT OF GREED,
YET YOU'VE DONE ALL THIS TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ONE WOMAN, THE WOMAN YOU LOVED...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU MISUSE THAT LOVE YOU FELT, RANZAM-SAN.
SO PLEASE, DON'T TURN YOUR EYES FROM THE PAIN YOU'RE CAUSING THIS WORLD!

AGH!
NGH ...!!
AMELIA!
BZZT
BUT CAN YOU SAY WITH ANY CONVICTION THAT YOU FULLY KNOW HIS PAIN?
CERTAINLY IT IS THROUGH NO WILL OF HIS OWN THAT YOUR FRIEND THERE WAS PLACED IN THAT FORM;
NO... NEITHER YOU, NOR I, NOR ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD FOR THAT MATTER HAVE ANY WAY OF KNOWING WHAT SORT OF STRIFE ANYONE ELSE CARRIES.
THE BURDEN OF BEING BETRAYED BY THE WORLD IS FAR HEAVIER THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE.

BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I RAN INTO SOME PEOPLE WHO SHOWED ME THERE WERE MORE INTERESTING THINGS TO THE WORLD THAN SADNESS AND STRIFE.
THERE WAS A TIME, LONG AGO, WHERE I COULD THINK OF NOTHING ELSE, I'LL GRANT YOU THAT.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY LIVING FOR ONCE, AND GO SEE WHAT THE REST OF THE WORLD IS LIKE?
I PROMISE THERE ARE FAR MORE FORKS IN THE ROAD THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE.
THEN DO YOU BELIEVE YOU COULD SPARE THOSE NEW PATHS FROM MY HANDS,
THOSE OF A "WANTON FATE" SUCH AS MYSELF?

HE'S GOT TO BE REINFORCING HIS BODY WITH SOME SORT OF COMPOUND MAGIC. BUT THERE MUST BE A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH OF THAT HE CAN WITHSTAND BEFORE HE BREAKS
BA-THUP
EH,.....?
NO... THAT...
CAN'T BE... POSSIBLE...
RUMBLE, RUMBLE

GAAV
FLARE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...! NOT EVEN CHAOS DRAGON'S POWER IS BEYOND HIS REACH...!
THE POWER OF ONE OF THE DEAD DEMON LORDS...

AT THIS RATE, HE'LL HIT ME DEAD-ON!
DAMN IT ALL... HE'S COMING IN FOR THE SECOND ATTACK!
THIS IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, WHAT XELLOSS HAS BEEN AFTER ALL ALONG.
HE KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS POSSIBLE, IN THEORY — EVEN IF IT MEANT DISTANCING HIMSELF WHILE THE WORLD AROUND HIM WAS BEING DISTORTED...!

YOU... YOU IDIOT.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL...?
YOU KNOW FOR A FACT YOU CAN'T EVEN TOUCH HIM...
BUT HERE YOU ARE, EVER PLAYING THE GUARDIAN EVEN AT TIMES LIKE THESE...
YOU REALLY, REALLY
DON'T KNOW HOW TO KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF PEOPLES' BUSINESS, DO YOU!?
TWIST

HOW SURPRISING... I NEVER WOULD HAVE EXPECTED ANYONE TO HAVE THE SKILL TO SLICE THROUGH SUCH A HIGH-RANKING MAZOKU'S MAGIC, MUCH LESS DEFEND SOMEONE ELSE IN THE PROCESS
LUKE !?
THIS GUY IS USING THAT BASTARD'S POWER
DOES THAT MEAN YOU'D BE WILLING TO THROW AWAY YOUR OWN LIFE IN ORDER TO SAVE THAT WOMAN?
NGH ...
THAT SETTLES IT...
WE WILL GLADLY DISPOSE OF THESE FILTHY COMMONERS IN YOUR...!
THERE IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO SULLY YOUR HANDS WITH THESE PEOPLES' BLOOD, FATHER!
SHI...!

SLASH
KILL
THUD
WHAT THE HELL...!?
THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE PRESENCE OF MIND NOT TO INTERRUPT IN THE MIDST OF SUCH AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION...
IT MUST BE THE INBORN UGLINESS IN THEIR HEARTS....
I'D KEPT THEM WORKING AS THE VILLAGE GUARD IN A FEEBLE ATTEMPT TO HAVE THEM ATONE FOR THEIR SINS ..
BUT IT SEEMS NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES THEIR MEMORIES ARE REWRITTEN, THERE IS NO ERASING THE UGLINESS IN PEOPLES' HEARTS..
WHILE THE PASSING OF TIME CAN INDEED HEAL WOUNDS, IT CAN DO NOTHING TO SOOTH THE INDIGNITIES WROUGHT UPON THIS WORLD.
IF WE ARE DOOMED TO BIND OURSELVES TO SUCH FICKLE LAWS OF TIME, THEN THIS HOURGLASS IS THE WISER PLACE FOR US TO STAY
YOU...

I MEAN, HELL, TRASH IS GONNA BE TRASH NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO OR WHO YOU ASK, 'CAUSE THIS WORLD'S GOT NOTHIN' ELSE GOING FOR IT IF NOT A WEALTH OF WORTHLESS BASTARDS.
THERE'S NO WAY TO PROVE THAT PEOPLE ARE EVEN CAPABLE OF UNDER-STANDING ONE ANOTHER.
I GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYIN' TO SAY.
I'VE GOT ONLY ONE REASON TO BE ALIVE RIGHT NOW:
AND THAT'S 'CAUSE I MET A GIRL WHO TOLD ME TO LIVE.
I'M JUST FOLLOWIN' HER ORDERS.

WHAT IS LULU TELLING YOU TO DO?
NOW TELL ME, WHAT IS THE WOMAN YOU LOVE-
BANG, BWOOM
IF HE WANTS A FIGHT USING THE MAGIC OF THE DEMON LORD'S RETAINERS, THEN I HAVE ENOUGH STONES HERE TO CORRESPOND TO EACH OF THEM!
AAAH!
HE'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OVERRIDE THEM WITH SOME STRONGER MAGIC TO RETALIATE!
OF COURSE, IF I DID THAT, INSTEAD OF BLOCKING THE DEMON LORD'S MAGIC, THE RETAINERS WOULD ONLY BE ABSORBED...
SO I'LL JUST SHOVE EVERYTHING I'VE GOT DOWN HIS THROAT IN ONE SHOT!
I'LL THROW IN THE POWER OF THE FIVE RETAINERS, ON TOP OF THE DEMON LORD HIMSELF'S!

TO WITHSTAND ALL OF THAT!?
DOES YOUR BODY HAVE THE CAPACITY
I KNOW FOR A FACT NOW... THE MAGIC SUPPORTING THIS BARRIER IS FROM THE DEMON LORD HIMSELF!
AND IN THAT CASE, THERE'S ONLY ONE KINDA MAGIC I CAN COUNT ON TO USE AGAINST YOU NOW!
RUBY EYE...
WHOSE SIDE IS HE GONNA CHOOSE... YOURS, OR MINE!?
COME ON, YOU SON OF A BITCH, LET'S MAKE US A BET--

DRAGON SLAVE!
LUKE!!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE THE DEMON.
NO... THIS IS THE WAY IT NEEDED TO BE.
SPLURT
HE'S ON MY SIDE AFTER ALL....

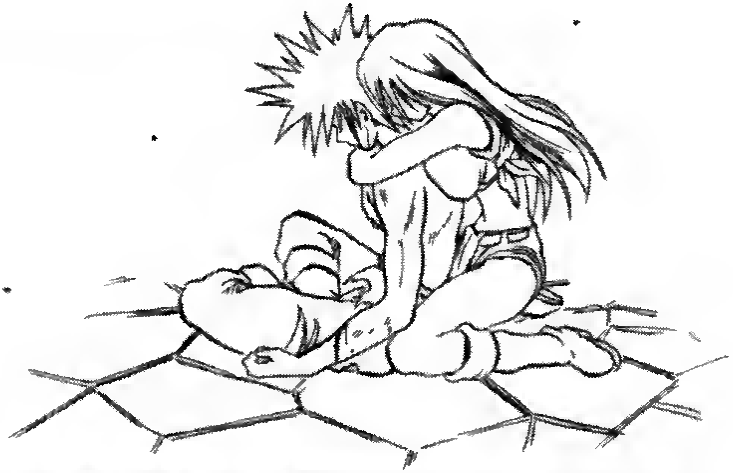
GAH !?
SSSH
THE SPELL . IT'S FINALLY BROKEN!
JUST ONE MORE ATTACK! I JUST NEED TO PULL OFF ONE MORE HIT BEFORE THE SPELL IS RESTORED...!
BUT IF I COULD JUST REACH HIM!
I'VE ALREADY USED UP ALL MY MAGIC JEWELS!
HE'S TOO FAR AWAY. JUST ONE MORE...
ONE MORE ATTACK, THAT'S ALL I NEED!
I HAVE TO...
I HAVE TO PROTECT THEM...!

I KEEP TRYING TO TELL YOU, LINA,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE THIS ON ALL BY YOURSELF.

THOK

YOU WITHSTOOD A DRAGON SLAVE HEAD-ON..
IT MAY HAVE BEEN NO MORE THAN JUST A SPLIT SECOND, BUT YOU...
I NEVER EVEN WOULDA TRIED TO PULL OFF A CRAZY STUNT LIKE THAT IF I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT MUCH FROM HER TO BEGIN WITH, THOUGH
MANAGED TO KNOCK HER END OF THE DEAL OFF AT THE EXACT SAME TIME, HUH? NOT BAD, LINA. NOT BAD AT ALL.
LUKE...
SLAP
Haahn!
The Power of Love, baby!
That's what they call it!
THUMBS UP
...PLEASE, MILLENA,

LEAVE IT AT THAT...?
COULD WE JUST...



MILLENA.
THANKS...
NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.
YOU ARE YOU, LUKE.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO USE THAT THING TO DISTORT THIS WORLD EVEN FURTHER...
GET THAT HAND OUT OF THE WAY!
THEN YOU'RE NOT GONNA LEAVE ME WITH MUCH OF A CHOICE BUT TO BREAK YOUR ARM ALONG WITH IT!

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH...
THAT'S ENOUGH...
I LOVE THIS WORLD, RANZAM-SAN,
BECAUSE HERE, IN THIS WORLD YOU LOVED SO MUCH, IS WHERE I WAS THE HAPPIEST IN ALL MY LIFE.
YOU ACCEPTED EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO ME, AND WERE GENTLE AND KIND, NOT JUST WITH ME, BUT EVERYTHING I LOVED.
I LOVE YOU, RANZAM-SAN, AND I WANT IT TO STAY THAT WAY NOW AND FOREVER.

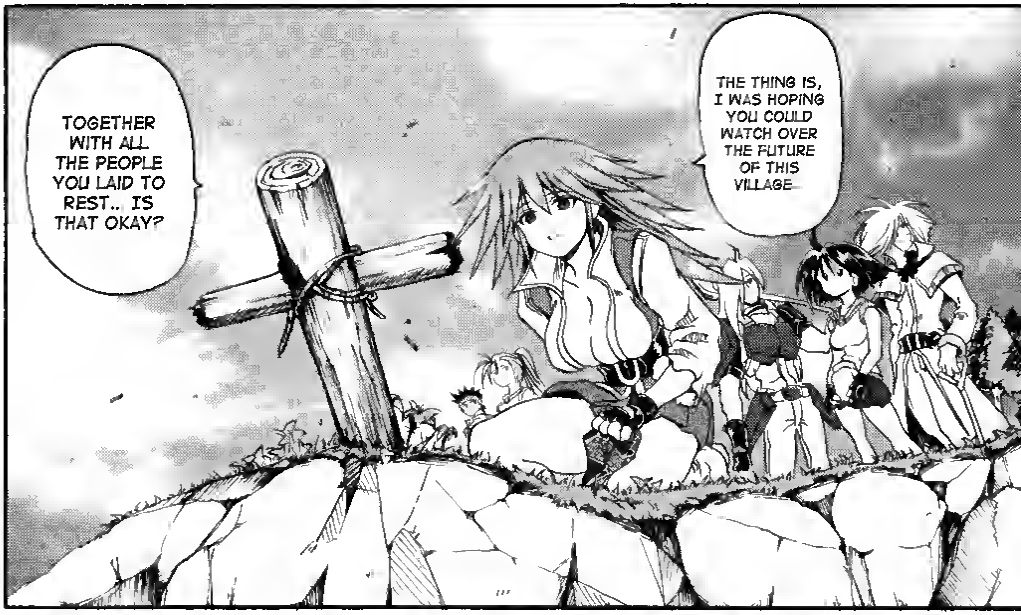
SO PLEASE, DON'T KEEP MAKING YOURSELF INTO THE KIND OF PERSON
WHO WOULD HURT THIS WORLD I LOVE SO MUCH ANY-MORE.
DESTROY THAT MECHANISM, THERE, AT THE CENTER OF THIS AREA... THAT WILL CUT THIS DIMEN-SION LOOSE FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY.
THE CAUSALITY...

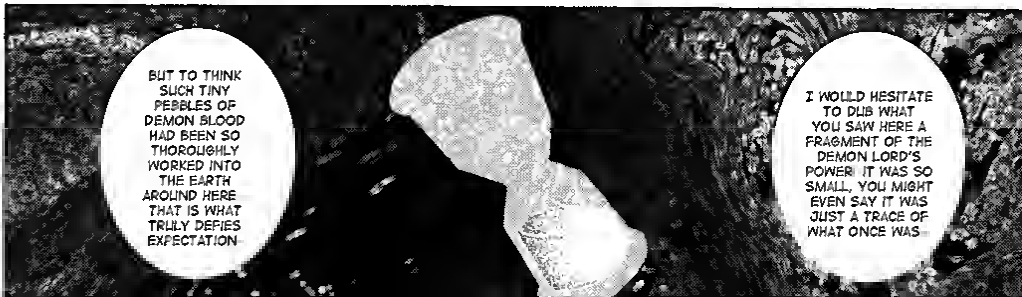
ASK YOU TO DO THAT FOR ME...?
CAN I...
BY TELLING US TO CUT HIM LOOSE, THEN THAT MEANS
HIS BODY'S ALREADY MERGED WITH THE MAGIC CIRCLE ITSELF...
HE'D BEEN READY, WAITING, HOPING FOR THIS TO HAPPEN... BUT... I CAN'T...
HE'D BEEN PREPARED FOR THIS... HIS SPELL NEVER AFFECTED US IN ANY WAY.
THE WEIGHT... OF PEOPLES' HAPPINESS.
IT'S SO HEAVY...

...JERK.
MIGHT AS WELL NOT STOP NOW, RIGHT?
YOU'RE ALWAYS PUSHING THE HEAVY BAGGAGE ONTO ME.
LULU,
RANZAM,
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
YOUR SONG... FROM THE LYRICS DOWN TO THE TUNE, EVERY PART OF IT WAS STRANGER THAN ANYTHING I'D EVER HEARD BEFORE,

Ragna
Blade

BUT YOU THINK YOU COULD SETTLE FOR AN OCEAN VIEW UNTIL THEY'RE READY, GUYS?
THE WORKERS IN THE VILLAGE ARE BUSY MAKING COFFINS FOR THE TWO OF YA,
EVERYTHING ABOUT THE VILLAGE THAT'S GROWN EVERYTHING LOST... ALL OF IT'S THE REAL THING
WELL, EVERY-THING'S BACK TO NORMAL...


TOGETHER WITH ALL THE PEOPLE YOU LAID TO REST.. IS THAT OKAY?
THE THING IS, I WAS HOPING YOU COULD WATCH OVER THE FUTURE OF THIS VILLAGE...


BUT TO THINK SUCH TINY PEBBLES OF DEMON BLOOD HAD BEEN SO THOROUGHLY WORKED INTO THE EARTH AROUND HERE THAT IS WHAT TRULY DEFIES EXPECTATION.
I WOULD HESITATE TO DUB WHAT YOU SAW HERE A FRAGMENT OF THE DEMON LORD'S POWER! IT WAS SO SMALL, YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY IT WAS JUST A TRACE OF WHAT ONCE WAS...

IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD THE VILLAGE PEOPLE IN FATHER RANZAM'S ABSENCE.
ESPECIALLY TO THE PERSON WHO ERECTED A BARRIER TO REPEL ALL BUT WHOEVER KNEW THE EXACT LOCATION OF THIS ISLAND,
SUCH IS THE INQUISITIVE NATURE OF HUMANS, I SUPPOSE, AND I MUST SAY IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO FIND FAULT WITH IT.
QUITE FRANKLY, I'M ALSO DUMBFOUNDED THAT THERE WOULD BE A PERSON ALIVE WHO HAD THE ABILITY TO TAKE THOSE PEBBLES, ALONG WITH THE INHERENT PROPERTIES OF THIS ISLAND, AND FUSE THEM INTO ONE UNIQUE SPELL.
IF YOU'RE EXPECTING ME TO SHOW SOME GRATITUDE, THEN WHY DON'T YOU TRY TELLING ME WHAT YOU'RE REALLY AFTER?
"SAFEGUARD," HUH. . NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR "SAFE-DEPOSIT," I'M SURE
MY GOODNESS, THAT'S A COLD WAY TO TALK TO SOMEONE -
OH REALLY? ARE YOU SURE EVERYTHING DIDN'T GO ACCORDING TO PLAN, INSTEAD?
WOULD BE A SECRET.
AH, BUT THAT...
I REALLY DID KEEP THIS VILLAGE SAFE FROM ANYTHING...
...HUH. I WONDER IF...
SO LONG AS I WAS ABLE TO PROTECT THIS VILLAGE...
WELL, WHATEVER. I'VE GOT A HUNCH THAT I WAS JUST PLAYING INTO HIS HANDS WHEN I GOT DRAGGED INTO THIS ANYWAY.

PRETTY SUNSET, HUH? KINDA SUCKS YA IN...
BUT THE VIEW CAN CHANGE INTO SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU'RE LOOKIN' AT IT FROM.
FOR ONCE YOU DECIDE TO TALK SERIOUS ABOUT SOMETHING, AND THAT'S ALL YOU CAN TALK ABOUT?
HELL, MAYBE EVEN THIS SUNSET LOOKED DIRTY AND STALE TO HIM.
...I WAS TRYIN' TO ACT ALL COCKY AND PRETEND I WAS COOL BACK THERE, BUT IF I WERE IN THE SAME POSITION AS HE WAS, I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD SAY THE SAME THING.
...LISTEN, MILLENA. IF I...
IF THERE EVER COMES A TIME WHEN I... Y'KNOW, WHEN I'M NOT ME ANYMORE, WOULD YOU...

I WANT TO HEAR COMING FROM YOU.
THOSE AREN'T THE WORDS

...HAH!

I'M SUCH A GOD DAMN IDIOT... THAT WAS STUPID. JUST STUPID. HEH.
HA HA... SAME AS ALWAYS, HEH.

AND THEN GROW SOME NICE FRUIT AS THANKS!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! IF YOU'VE GOT THE TIME FOR THAT, THEN HURRY UP AND WHIP THIS TOWN BACK INTO SHAPE,
BUT I THINK MASTER GAVE ME A BOAT WITH A KINDA SHADY PAST, SO I'D RATHER NOT GO NEAR ANY BIG HARBORS...
SORRY, I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU GUYS WHEREVER IT IS YOU'RE HEADIN' OFF TO,

I'M SICK OF NOT BEIN' ABLE TO DO ANYTHING BUT SIT HERE AND CRY...
SO I'M GONNA START LEARNIN' HOW TO USE A SWORD, AND MAGIC JUST LIKE YOU GUYS, SO I CAN PROTECT THIS VILLAGE ALL BY MYSELF.
I... I'M GONNA GET STRONGER.
THANK YOU GUYS, I MEAN IT...

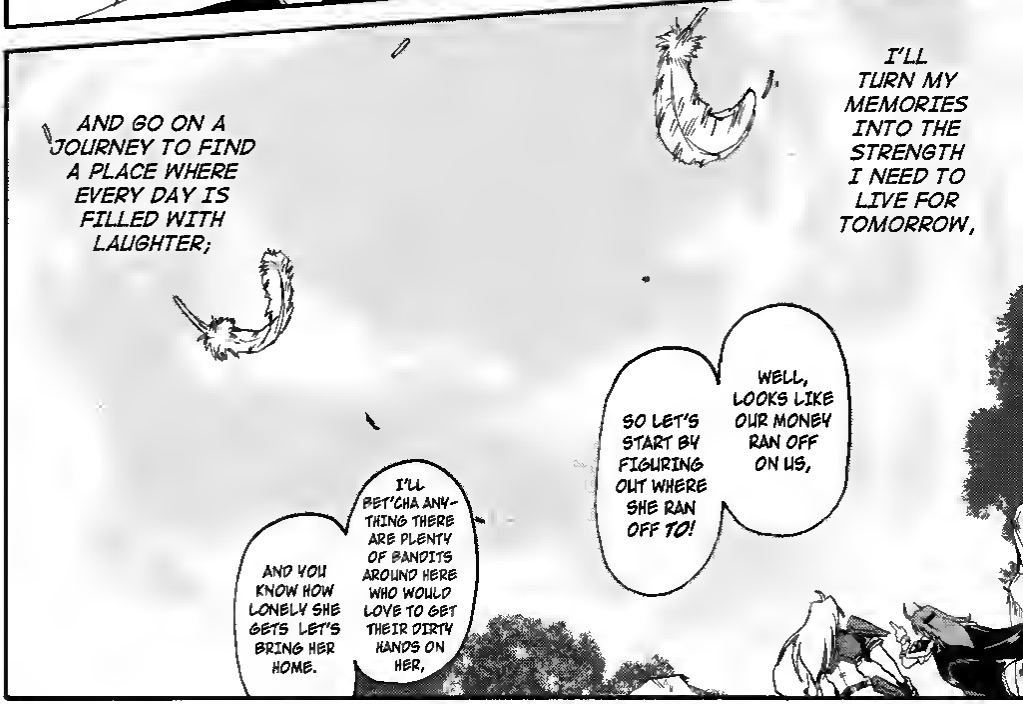
YOU'VE GOT TO PUT MORE EFFORT INTO IT THAN THAT, NOA-SAN-
YOU'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON TALKING LOUDER, AND RUNNING FASTER, TOO!
AND IF ANYONE EVER COMES AROUND THIS TOWN TO STIR UP TROUBLE AGAIN, I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO PUFF OUT THAT RIDICULOUSLY HUGE CHEST OF YOURS AND YELL AT THE TOP OF YOUR LUNGS,
"I'M PERSONAL FRIENDS WITH THE DRAGON SPOOKER, LINA INVERSE!"

AND IF YOU REALLY FIND YOURSELF OVER YOUR HEAD, JUST RUN OVER AS FAST AS YOU CAN,
AND GET ME OVER HERE IN ONE SECOND OR LESS!
BUT IF THAT EVER HAPPENS, YOU'D DAMN WELL BETTER BE READY TO SPLURGE ON AN AWESOME THANK-YOU PRESENT!

OKAY!

IF THERE EVER COMES A TIME WHEN I CAN'T STOP THE TEARS I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK, I WON'T CLOSE MY EYES AND RESIGN MYSELF TO FAILURE
I'LL KEEP MY TEAR-FILLED EYES OPEN AND FACING FORWARD WHILE I MOVE ON INTO THE FUTURE.
AND EVEN IF THERE'S A WALL BLOCKING MY PATH AHEAD,

HMM...
AND USE IT TO CLIMB UP OVER THE TOP.
I'LL HEAP ALL OF YESTERDAY'S HEAVY LUGGAGE INTO A PILE AT ITS FEET,
SO, WHERE SHOULD WE GO NOW?


I'LL TURN MY MEMORIES INTO THE STRENGTH I NEED TO LIVE FOR TOMORROW,
AND GO ON A JOURNEY TO FIND A PLACE WHERE EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER;
WELL, LOOKS LIKE OUR MONEY RAN OFF ON US,
SO LET'S START BY FIGURING OUT WHERE SHE RAN OFF TO!
I'LL BET'CHA ANYTHING THERE ARE PLENTY OF BANDITS AROUND HERE WHO WOULD LOVE TO GET THEIR DIRTY HANDS ON HER,
AND YOU KNOW HOW LONELY SHE GETS LET'S BRING HER HOME.

AND DELVE STRAIGHT INTO THE REALM OF COMEDIC EFFECT
M, MASTER!?
SHOCK
NOA!
SOMEBODY'S WASHED UP ON SHORE AGAIN!
THOUGH ONCE IN A WHILE THOSE DAYS MAY SURPASS SIMPLE LAUGHTER,
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AHHHHH I THOUGHT I SAID THIS WOULD BE MORE TIMELYYYY

BUT IT WAAAAAAASN'T!

But still, IT'S HERE, HOW REJOICE, I'M REJOICING ARE YOU REJOICING, OH GOD THIS IS GLORIOUS

Incoherent gobble-dee-gook aside, hey, it's the last chapter of Falces, heads down THE greatest manga to grace the Slayers 'verse Don't argue with me. I KNOW

-Rob

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